

On the stacks .....	1,751 vols.
On the walls, within reach .....	171 "
On the walls, above reach .....	819 "
	2,741 "

The rate of accession is about 1,200 volumes a year. The space on the wall-shelves above reach cannot, without great inconvenience, be utilized for books in constant use, and much of the space on the stacks is made up of small intervals at the ends of alphabetical and sectional divisions, which should not be completely filled before further accommodation is provided. Some sections are already so congested, that it is necessary to move hundreds of volumes in order to make room for one new one. The utilization of the whole remaining space would entail the shifting of several thousand volumes, with much consequent confusion of arrangement. For these reasons additional shelf-room will have become in twelve months at least, an absolute and immediate necessity, and steps should be taken during the next Long Vacation towards the removal of the difficulty.

Increased accomodation may be provided, to a limited extent, in two ways—by placing stacks at the backs of the pillars in the Great Library, as laid out in the original plan of the present shelf arrangement; and by the erection of wall-shelves in the two consultation rooms. Additional space would thus be obtained as follows:

Twelve new stacks .....	3,900 vols.
Consultation rooms, east and south walls	1,800 "
"                    west walls ....	1,080 "
	6,780 "

Adding this to the space for 2,700 volumes still available, accommodation would thus be found for about 9,500 additional volumes, that is to say, the accessions of nearly eight years. The consultation rooms could be used for storage of books not in frequent use.

As, however, objection may be taken to the use of the consultation rooms for any such purpose, and as, at all events, the