

and the replacement of the books is practical and systematic, so that any book may be found at a moment's notice.

It was my privilege to open the Gest Library on the Chinese New Year Day, February 13th, 1926, with 232 large works consisting of approximately 8,000 ts'ê (volumes), which had been selected by the well known Chinese scholar, Mr. Ch'ên Pao-ch'ên, tutor of the last Manchu emperor Hsuan-t'ung. By October 1st, 1931, the collection had increased to more than 116,000 ts'ê, selected and purchased by Mr. Gest's personal representative and collaborator of the Library in Peking, Captain I. V. Gillis, formerly Naval Attaché of the United States Legation at Peking, who, thanks to his long residence in China, and his wide acquaintance with prominent Manchu and Chinese families was offered exceptional opportunities for the acquisition of rare and old editions, so that, excepting for a few modern works bought from Peking and Shanghai bookstores, all the works in the collection were formerly owned by Manchu princes, well-known Chinese statesmen, and bibliophiles.

The present personnel of the Gest Chinese Research Library consists of Dr. Gerhard R. Lomer, M.A., Ph.D., Librarian of McGill University; I. V. Gillis, collaborator in Peking; Nancy Lee Swann, formerly Research Fellow at the North China Union Language School, Peking, and specialist in Chinese Studies in the Gest Library since 1928, author of Pan Chao 班昭 (1st century A. D.) being published by the American Historical Association, and of divers articles on Chinese history; a Chinese student of McGill for inscribing Chinese characters in