

THE GEST CHINESE RESEARCH LIBRARY,
MCGILL UNIVERSITY,
MONTREAL, CANADA.

The Gest Chinese Research Library was established at McGill University, Montreal, by Mr. Guion M. Gest, an engineer of New York, with branch offices in the principal cities of the United States and in Montreal.

In bringing together a vast collection of Chinese books and depositing it under the aforesaid name at McGill University, Mr. Gest was actuated by two principal motives: (1) To promote through the study of Chinese literature a better understanding of China and a closer relationship between China and the Western world; and (2) to enable students to carry on serious and fruitful investigations in the various departments of Chinese civilization and to place its books at the disposal of scholars for research work in co-operation with the various Faculties and Departments of McGill and other Universities, as well as with sinologists in the United States, Europe, China and Japan.

The Gest Library is housed at present, on the second floor of the Redpath Library Building of the University in a very large, airy and high-domed room, whose walls are adorned with large photographs taken by Mr. Gest in his travels in the Orient, which, with a replica of the Nestorian Monument, in actual size, presented by Dr. Frits Holm, and scrolls, etc., lend the room an intimate and characteristic atmosphere. The floor is laid with heavy Chinese rugs; the office furniture and the filing cabinets of steel are of uniform dark-green colour; the steel stacks with interchangeable sections are arranged in two stories