This would be done by using reference room and gallery space for books which would ordinarily be kept in the stack. This, however, only can be done during the early stages while the reference room and gallery alcoves are not crowded. If we were to erect one-quarter of the stack room now the cost of the whole building including that stack room would come to a total of $64,000. As we have already received from the generous donors of the building $50,000, this leaves us under the necessity of securing $14,000 more at this time in order to make the library effective. We will then need, two years from now, $5,000 more to furnish the second quarter of the stack room and four or five years from now $12,000 for the completion of the second half of the stack room.

I may add that a cablegram received a few days ago from Peking reports that they have revised their judgment as to the use of wooden stack and urged us to secure the steel stack as soon as possible. Their conclusion has evidently been reached on the basis of further study of the matter locally as there has not been time for word of Dr. Bostwick's opinion to reach them, so that the judgment of all concerned is now fully clear that we must provide steel stack.

The building is so beautiful within and without that I, for one, am extremely anxious that its beauty should contain the finest degree of effective equipment for the long and indispensable service which this building will render to Christian education in China.

With very good wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

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