SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS - cont.

Requested For 1930-31 1936-37 1937-38 1938-39

## Library Stack Extension

Appropriation

\$75,000 75,000

The library stack, inadequate when built, accommodates only 121,000 books. Makeshift stacks in corridors and shelving in reading rooms take care of 54,000 more; and branch libraries, badly overcrowded and in need of relief, contain about 47,000 volumes. This leaves an overflow of 44,000 which has to be stored, and thus is unavailable to the public. To this overflow the library is adding about 9,000 volumes a year. The book appropriation should be increased to bring the University collection in line with those of other universities in this area, but even if money were available it would be useless to do so until adequate stack space is added. To remedy this deplorable condition it is urged that the stack be extended 70 feet west in conformity with the original building plans, and filled to one-half its capacity with steel stacks (additional shelf space for 210,000 volumes).

## Nov Boiler, Much. En, r. Lib.

Appropriation

7,500

The boiler for generation of steam needed to operate engines and apparatus in the mechanical engineering laboratory has been condemned and declared as beyond repair, by the boiler inspector. Replacement should be made at once, since the laboratory is forced to run this year without a boiler.