

A. I should say two-thirds.

Q. Are good accommodations now afforded for the use of such persons as frequent the Library for the purpose of study?

A. Yes. I think so.

Q. You do not think better accommodations would secure a larger attendance of such persons?

A. I don't know that it would make any difference.

Q. Are any means now afforded by which persons desirous of making reference to large numbers of books, can refer to them without troubling the Librarian in each instance to procure for them the books?

A. We have nearly all the encyclopædias together in one case, and if a person wants to refer to them, it is only necessary to open the case; but the other works the Librarian has to get.

Q. Please state your age, and whether you had any previous experience of the practical workings of any other library.

A. I am twenty-five, and have never had any experience of any other library.

Q. Have you ever compared the accommodations afforded to students by this Library with the accommodations afforded by the other great libraries of the country?

A. No, sir.

Q. Are not many of the books, now placed in the second story, very inconvenient for access?

A. No.

Q. What proportion of the books are placed in the second story?

A. I suppose one-third, as well as I can judge.

Q. What is the width of the stairs which lead to this second story, and how many must be ascended in reaching it?

A. I don't know.

Q. Would you call the stairs by which you reach that second story an easy and convenient means of access to the books there placed?