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This issue's cover shows the interior of the UNC Library when it was located in Smith Hall, now the Playmakers Theater, during the period 1854-1907. The building was named for General Benjamin Smith, early 19th century North Carolina governor. In 1900, the library contained 32,000 volumes and 12,000 pamphlets and received several hundred journals. Dr. Louis R. Wilson, former librarian for whom the present library is named, writes that "the large open reading room was inviting and well used by many students, especially by those who participated in the weekly debates of the Literary Societies." (Photo supplied from the files of the North Carolina Collection, Wilson Library, UNC).

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