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Cover: Library Hall, designed by Nathan Clifford Ricker, was completed in 1897 on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana. In 1940, the library was renamed Altgeld Hall in honor of Governor John Peter Altgeld. The library was the major beneficiary of the increased appropriations requested by University President Andrew Sloan Draper in 1895. Draper, Governor Altgeld, and several influential alumni lobbied the Illinois General Assembly for more funds for the University. John Franch describes the political battles waged between the University's supporters and the general assembly over the increased appropriations. The article begins on page 74.