

out of the question of policy.

2: The machinery by which a policy is to be carried out is of almost equal importance. The present methods are plainly unsatisfactory. A more definite and decisive procedure could be established if a small Executive Committee were set up to put the policy of the Museum into operation. It should include a Curator, who should, it is suggested be the Secretary of the Committee and its Executive Officer; a representative of the Department of History; another of the Library; a third of the McCord Estate; and possibly one other. It would be, of course, able to use advice from any suitable quarter in the discharge of its duties.

Acting according to the recognized policy these would be to keep on the look-out for objects needed by the Museum; to investigate their current price, authenticity, condition and so on, and decide for or against buying. Their decision arrived at would be forwarded to the Executive of the General Museums Committee for action. It would be through the McCord Museum Executive Committee that co-ordination with the Library, and the other Museums of the University could be maintained.

With regard to the present large General Committee of the McCord, this could best fulfil its purpose by meeting once or twice a year to receive the report of the Select Committee, to comment on it and to offer suggestions of a general character.

This outline offers merely the skeleton of an organization that would, perhaps, focus and give energy to the work of the McCord Museum. A genuinely alert and enthusiastic Committee would be of the utmost value and would ultimately be of the highest use in making the Museum a vital part of the intellectual activity of McGill. The opportunities are numerous, and what is more some of them are passing away very rapidly, never to be renewed.