

II The Problem of Reorganization

4. Owing to the gradual growth of the University and the recent acquisition of the McCord National Museum and the Natural History Society Collection, the problem of housing and co-ordinating this material with the existing University collections has been found to involve a consideration of the whole question of University policy regarding museums.
5. The practical questions involved require, for their adequate solution, more detailed consideration and a more co-ordinated administration than have hitherto been found necessary. This condition is due almost entirely to causes involved in the growth of the University.
6. Even a superficial examination of the collections as they are at present housed and arranged shows that:
 - (a) the University collections as a whole suffer from want of co-ordination;
 - (b) there is material where it is distinctly out of place and detrimental to contiguous exhibits;
 - (c) there is material housed either where it is not needed or where it is not readily available for purposes of teaching or public exhibition;
 - (d) there is a certain amount of poor or worthless material not suitable in a university museum. ✓

III Survey of McGill Collections

7. Any consideration of a reorganization of this material presupposes a general acquaintance with the present arrangement or location of the several University collections.
8. For reference, therefore, and in order to show the extent of the material involved, the various museums and collections are listed below, with a brief statement of the nature of their contents. Specific recommendations for changes in distribution will be found in paragraphs 58 - 61.