Memorandum on the McCord Museum

Under resolution passed by the University Museum Committee at its last meeting the ordinary administration of the McCord Museum is now principally the responsibility of the Executive Committee, subject to the direction of the General or University Committee. Those who former- ly composed the McCord General Committee will be asked to act as Advis- ors to the Museum, and upon their council the Executive will rely for assistance in regard to all matters of policy, purchase, etc., where expert or technical attention may be in any way used. The new arrange- ment is designed to promote the efficient management of the Museum without making unnecessary call on the time of its Committee, and also to employ most beneficially the experience and knowledge of its friends.

For dealing with the donations to the Museum from time to time it would be necessary occasionally to consult the Advisors as to their suit- ability or otherwise. In the great majority of cases, however, the gifts are acceptable without question and for these the decision of the Executive Committee would be quite sufficient. In order to keep the Advisors as a body in touch with the progress of the Museum it would be desirable to hold an Annual Meeting at which a full attendance could be hoped for and when the Secretary should make a report of all activ- ities and a general survey of the Museum situation. Discussion of pol- icies and suggestions on this occasion could then be invited for the information of the Executive during the year following.

In the acquisition of the McCord and in its growth since it was first willed to the University, no single person's work can be compared with that done by Dr. W.D. Lighthall. By his stedfast willingness to help at all times, his unfailing interest in every department of the Museum's work, and by his own personal generosity to the collection, he has acquired a peculiar importance in its development and it would be a very great loss to the McCord if this support was diminished by any