

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The collections examined fall into four groups.
 - (a) Those which are suitable for the admission of the general public, and to which indeed the public now have access.

The McCord Museum,
The Ethnological Museum,
The Library Museum,
The Peter Redpath Museum.
 - (b) The Medical Museums (of Anatomy, of Medicine and of Pathology), to two of which the public have limited access.
 - (c) Departmental Museums or teaching collections, not at present intended for the admission of the general public.

The Museum of Hygiene,
The Museum of Economic Geology,
The Architectural Collection,
The Botanical Collection,
The Gess Chinese Collection.
 - (d) The Biological Museum at Macdonald College.

Observations and Recommendations bearing on Group (a) Museums

2. The most important from the point of view of this Report is Group (a). The Museums in this group contain unique, valuable and important material for teaching and research within the University, and for the instruction of the general public.
3. The Group (a) Museums are not used for the purposes indicated as fully as they should be, because they are (1) difficult of access (Ethnology and Library Museums), (2) archaic (Peter Redpath) or (3) inconvenient and over-crowded (McCord).
4. The lack of appreciation of the value of Museum Service in the University is illustrated by the absence from the old-established Museums of any pamphlets or guides for the information or instruction of Members of the University or the public.
5. The co-ordinating authority in respect of the Group (a) Museums is weak and inadequate, the controlling authority does not appear to function.