

For the Library Building competitive plans were secured from three firms of architects, with the result that the Building Committee recommended to the Board of Regents the employment of Messrs. Sproatt & Rolph. The Building Committee have given protracted and pains-taking attention to perfecting the plans, and their findings were carefully considered by the Board. It was decided that the Library Building, if erected, should be placed on the south-east corner of North Drive and Charles Street; a plan of grounds was placed on record for further consideration when any additional building should be in active contemplation, and the Building Committee were authorized, conditional upon satisfactory financial arrangements being made, to proceed, with Messrs. Sproatt & Rolph as architects, to erect the Building, subject to such minor alterations before letting contracts as might be decided upon by the Committee.

The Board thus present for your consideration the plan of grounds referred to, and the interior and exterior plans of the Library Building.

In determining the interior plans, most careful thought was given both to present requirements and growth for a few years ahead. Accordingly, while a false economy might have permitted a cutting down of space still further, there is no waste room, and your Board feel that they would be at fault if they were not now to provide for what in a very few years will be urgently necessary.

As to the exterior, much consideration was given to the adoption of a style which would not only be satisfactory for the Library itself, but would give the keynote for future buildings. The style adopted is Perpendicular Gothic, the walls to be of grey Credit Valley rubble stone. While no style is more effective, there is probably