

McGILL UNIVERSITY LIBRARY SCHOOL

I MOTION

To raise the status of McGill University Library School from that of junior to senior undergraduate standard under the classification of the Board of Education for Librarianship of the American Library Association and to establish the degree of B.S. (in Library Science) as therein required.

[Note: These classifications are defined in the Second Annual Report of the Board of Education for Librarianship, Chicago, 1926, and are appended below as Sections VIII-X].

II REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED CHANGE

1. The Board of Education for Librarianship (which, through the Carnegie Corporation, has made a grant to the School for three years and is now considering a permanent endowment) "approves the proposal to make the McGill University Library School a senior undergraduate school."
2. The demand for trained librarians able to occupy executive positions is increasing and the present entrance requirement of senior matriculation is insufficient. The present trend of library school development tends to give preference to the senior undergraduate type as best fitted to meet the present need. This view is upheld not only by the Board of Education for Librarianship, but by the Association of American Universities.
3. In the practical operation of the School the teaching is at present hampered by the fact that it has to be given at the same time to college graduates and to students who have had only one year at college. Under the new scheme, students with senior matriculation or less would be eligible for the summer session, which is planned for the needs of the library assistant or the librarian in a small library.
4. In the proposed course, emphasis would be placed upon the training of assistants and heads of departments for college and university libraries and of librarians for special libraries. The situation of the School in a University and in a commercial metropolis provides unusual material for such specialization.