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The two matters of adequate assistance and of increased accessions reduce themselves, of course, to a question of Library finance. I find that we have been working with a smaller staff than Mr. Gould had planned for this year, and that by next week we shall be without two necessary assistants. I am making inquiries in the hope of filling one of these positions at the earliest possible opportunity, but, in the meantime, maps and pamphlets and publications of minor interest have to remain uncatalogued in order that we may keep up with cataloguing the book accessions. The staff, in spite of small increases in the past, is still noticeably underpaid, not merely in comparison with the salaries in American University Libraries, but even in comparison with those granted in the University of Toronto Library, where assistants begin with \$700.00 and increase to \$1100.00, and where heads of library departments receive \$1600.00. It should also be borne in mind that the McGill Library, in spite of increased accessions and use, is working with practically the same numerical force as ten years ago. The fact that the work has been kept up-to-date and to its high standard of quality as well as it has under these limitations is a tribute both to the efficiency of the Library staff and to Mr. Gould's administration.

As far as the matter of growth is concerned I think