

THE MCGILL LIBRARY

The limitations of the Library are partly responsible for the fact that
With the steady growth of the Graduate Faculty there is a serious problem - namely, sufficient space for graduate students to work in the Library. In all literary subjects, the library is the laboratory. There is not now sufficient room for the students. This is an immediate problem for solution.

The Library to-day fulfils many functions; it used to be merely a repository for books, with reasonable space for studying them. There are some strong remarks, perhaps too strong, from the Department of History, but there is ample justification for calling attention to the very serious, perhaps the most serious, question in connection with the Graduate Faculty.

Some departments - e.g. Chemistry, Physics - are fortunate enough to have first-rate departmental libraries well stocked with essential books and magazines, and with room for students to read and study them.

In the case of certain subjects, such as History, it will never be possible to institute the degree of Ph.D. at McGill in that subject, until a systematic and continued effort has been carried to fruition in the provision of sufficient "material" for historical study. This will be a costly undertaking. In many subjects, such as Mathematics, for example, there has been a steady marked improvement in the material for graduate study.