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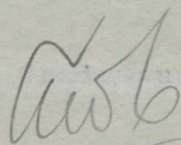
weakness in removing the culminating fourth year of the Arts course and substituting a new lot of studies. The Arts faculty might recommend certain subjects for a student wishing later to take up library study.

Dean Corbett again remarked that the baccalaureate must only be extended with the greatest conservatism. Dr. Lomer felt that this was an opportunity for McGill to supply a service no other Canadian University was at present giving. Mrs. Carter pointed out that Canadian students went to the United States because they could not get a degree in Library Science anywhere in Canada and felt it was necessary for their careers.

Dr. Martin said that the Library School of McGill had already won an international reputation under Dr. Lomer's leadership, and he considered that with such splendid results achieved under the present system it might not be absolutely necessary to give a degree. It weakened the University standard to grant many vocational degrees and was not sound University policy. Dean Harrison suggested that a diploma might be acceptable, such as the diploma given in Public Health.

The meeting agreed that it did not approve of granting a degree in Library Science without the preliminary B.A. or B.Sc. degree. It was decided to report this agreement to the Corporation, and to recommend to the Corporation that if a student had the B.A. or B.Sc. degree and took a further year in Library Science work they would be in favour of granting such student the further degree of B.L.S.

The meeting then adjourned.



Chairman.

At the meeting of the Corporation held December 11th no definite action was taken. The Corporation felt that it should wait until Dr. Lomer was present. I think had a vote been taken it would have been unfavourable to Dr. Lomer's suggestion.