

GROUP (c) MUSEUMS AND TEACHING COLLECTIONS

34. These offer great variety of character: some are organized and may properly be classed as small specialized museums; others are collections of "odds and ends" serviceable and necessary for teaching purposes. I see no advantage to the University in bringing these into a unified scheme or in centralizing work connected with them, as things are at present. They do not, generally speaking, contain material of high value or importance. The growth of any such collections or changes in their character may, however, at any time render it desirable to bring them into the public museum scheme.

35. I therefore recommend that the Director of Museums shall take no cognizance of the Group (c) Museums or teaching collections, nor shall the Departmental controllers of such have any claim on the services of the Museum Laboratory; but the Director shall endeavour to assist such whenever possible.

36. It shall be, however, open to the Director of Museums, or to the Head of the Department concerned, at any time to place proposals before the Public Museums Committee for the transfer of a Group (c) Museum or teaching collection to the status of a "*Departmental Museum recognized by the Public Museums Committee.*"

37. The Director of Museums shall exercise a certain amount of control over Departmental Museums thus transferred, but the control shall be much more limited than that over the Public Museums. He shall be charged by the University with the duty of seeing that the Museums are properly looked after and the accessions registered in a manner uniform with that existing in the University Museum. Each Head of a Department controlling such a Museum shall appoint a Curator or Honorary Curator who shall be the person with whom the Director shall establish direct contact and whom he shall help in connexion with matters reserved to his authority. The Curator will have a right to claim assistance from the University Museum Laboratory (q.v.), and from funds at the disposal of the Public Museums Committee.

38. It should also be recognized that in the best interests of the University it may be found desirable to transfer a Departmental Museum of Group (c) whether recognized or unrecognized, to the status of a University Public Museum. The Architectural Collection, for example, is likely to become an organized museum suitable for the instruction of the public. Provision for such transfer should be made, proposals to be initiated either by the Professor concerned or by the Public Museums Committee.