

December 9th, 1929.

The meeting discussed the matter of conferring Honorary Degrees on Robert Roe Blacker, the donor of the Blacker Library of Zoology, and on C.B. Kingston. It was decided to inform Mr. Casey Wood that the meeting had discussed tentatively a degree for Mr. Blacker, and to refer the suggestion with regard to Mr. Kingston to the Dean of the Science Faculty for a full report.

Proposed Change in Status of Library School

The proposal for a degree in Library Science was very fully discussed by the meeting.

The Principal stated that the increased allowance from the Rockefeller Foundation would take care of any increase necessary in staff under the proposed change.

Dean Corbett regretted that he would have to express himself as opposed to the giving of a degree in Library Science. He did not feel that the art was one for which a University baccalaureate should be given. Dean Martin concurred. He felt a B.A. or B.Sc. degree should be obtained first and some other hall mark, such as a certificate or diploma, awarded for the year's work in Library Science. He felt that library training might be made a subject in the general Arts curriculum, but thought it was not sound University policy to grant vocational degrees to any extent. Dean Ira MacKay said that no student would be well advised to discontinue his course at the end of the third year in order to spend the fourth year in library work.

The Principal was of the opinion that it might be well to make the B.A. or B.Sc. degree preliminary to the year's work in Library Science. The meeting might consider what form the recognition for that year's work should take. He did not want the University to lay itself open to the charge of being too conservative. Dean H.M. MacKay pointed out that unless McGill required these first degrees as preliminary to the library course, the standard would be lower than that in the Universities of Columbia, Michigan and Illinois, which required five years' work.

Dean H.M. MacKay said that the fourth year in an arts course gathered up the studies carried on during the first three years. Dean Ira MacKay concurred. The Principal agreed that there was a