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Dear Dean Eve;

In re. graduate work, we deem it scarcely necessary to recount that portion of our report of less than two years ago (1929) which pertains to regulations of the Graduate Faculty; since the regulations finally adopted have not, so far as we are aware, been found deficient. We shall consequently confine our attention to those points which are essentially bound up with the establishment and maintenance of mathematical standards in the Graduate Faculty. These points are all included under the basic requirements of a Mathematical Department, viz.; Library facilities and personnel of Staff.

Four years ago at the request of the Department, the Principal initiated a modest policy of an increased annual grant to the Mathematical Library. We are now happy in being able to report that under the preferment accorded, the Mathematical Library has developed from a weak and ineffective instrument of learning to its present satisfactory state well along the highroad to becoming a first class aid to scholarship and research.

The personnel of the staff is, we (I) believe, excellent in quality, experience and training; but its numerical strength has by no means kept pace with the increasing demands on its efforts. Statistics are frequently misleading; and it might be inferred, since very few proceed to a degree beyond B.A. or B.Sc. in Mathematics, that the Department is only occasionally called upon to provide graduate instruction. No