

II GENERAL POLICY OF LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION, cont'd.

[Note: This was before the new Medical Building was constructed. There is, therefore, now no necessity for Section 2 (a), and the provisions of Sections (c) and (d) have already been realized.]

3. It would appear, therefore, that in continuing its policy of co-ordination the Library is not going against the interests of the Medical Faculty, which has already expressed itself in favour of this policy. The fact that the Osler Collection will shortly be added to the resources of the Medical Library makes some uniformity of administration desirable, especially as a satisfactory plan for handling special collections has already been worked out in the University Library.

III THE PRESENT ANOMALOUS SITUATION

There is duplication, waste, and lack of a proper distribution of authority in the present situation for the following reasons:

1. The Medical Faculty has a Library Committee of its own and a representative (the Medical Librarian or the Acting Librarian) on the general Library Committee, but the University Librarian is not a member of the Medical Library Committee, and the general Library Committee has apparently no jurisdiction over one of the libraries within the University.
2. The Purchasing Department of the University is duplicating for the Medical Library the work of the Order Department of the University Library.
3. Customs work is now done regularly by the University Library janitor; but it is also done for the Medical Library through the Purchasing Department of the University or by a special messenger from the Medical Library, whereas all this work could be done by the University Library janitor at the same time as the work for the University Library.
4. It is difficult to make librarians elsewhere understand that the Osler Collection, which is coming to McGill is not a part of the