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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE

The following quotations from those engaged in professional training of librarians support the motion:

1. Harrison W. Craver, Chairman of the Board of Education for Librarianship and Director of The Engineering Societies Library, New York.

"The senior undergraduate school seems to me a reasonable standard to reach for at present, considering the needs of the profession, the probable earning power of graduates, and the available supply of prospective students."

2. William W. Bishop, Director of the Department of Library Science and Librarian of the University of Michigan.

"Students cannot have too much sound education if they are to go into work which deals with books. Therefore I should by all means favour requiring at least three years of college, and perhaps four, as a preliminary to entrance. I have no question that this is sound doctrine."

3. Ernest J. Reece, formerly Director of the Library School of the New York Public Library and Associate Professor of Library Administration in the Columbia University School of Library Service.

"Something closely approaching a complete college course is desirable (1) in order that students may handle intelligently those administrative and scholarly aspects of library school instruction which require considerable background; and (2) in order that students may be qualified upon going into the field to deal effectively with other professional people and with business people who have enjoyed college education. These two sub-points might be elaborated indefinitely, but the significant fact would seem to be that the service of thoroughly educated workers is increasingly expected in our field, and that the way for the Schools to do their part in insuring this is to put the admission standards sufficiently high"