

providing an annual grant of £500 for the Library, the Board would be prepared to grant it representation, to the extent of three members, on the Library Committee. (59)

On June 22 the Council met to consider the proposed Library grant. (60) The Finance Committee explained that, if the Library had received an additional £208, to which it was entitled from the Gammack Trust, for the past year, it would have shown a profit instead of a loss, and, under the circumstances, it could not see its way to recommend a grant for the Library. However, under the terms of the Gammack bequest, the money derived from it had to be used for the purchase of books for the circulating department and for no other purpose (i.e. it was not available for maintenance work). As this branch of the library had been amply provided for by that bequest, the expenditure of an additional £200 would not have altered the position. It would appear that the Council realised the seriousness of the situation, for the report was referred back to the Committee, and Councillor Ottley gave notice of a motion that a grant of £300 be made to the Library providing that the Council received representation on the Library Committee. But, for some unstated reason, he received permission to withdraw the motion on July 6. (61)

The College Board of Governors have been much maligned concerning their attitude towards the Library, but, in fairness, it must be understood that theirs was a difficult task. For thirty-four years

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59. L.T. May 30, 1908.

60. *ibid* June 23, 1908.

61. C.C.C. Vol. 24, p. 203.