

required, improvements be decided upon, details to be discussed at a further Conference and ratified by both Councils concerned."

3. "That the representatives of the City Council agree in principle to an annual grant being made by the College Council out of the revenue derived from the high country runs, the amount of these grants to be determined at the discretion of the College Council."

4. "That the City Council should give further consideration, during the year, to the possibility of increasing the grant from the City Council." (39)

When the matter again came under discussion, on December 17, 1940, a deputation from the College Council waited on the Finance Committee and presented a statement of the public library situation in Christchurch, as compared with other cities, with suggestions for improvements. (40) In the first place, it was suggested that the City Council should consider contributing a sum of money towards the maintenance of the free departments of the Library, with a smaller grant to the Circulating Department, to enable the subscription rate to be lowered. If this course was adopted, the City Council would receive representation on the College Library Committee. The second proposal suggested joint control by the two Councils, through the medium of a special library board. Under this system, the free departments would remain unaltered but, if the City raised a library rate of £6000, it would be possible to reduce the subscription for the Circulating Department. Also, if this scheme was adopted, it was proposed that the suburban libraries should become branches of the central library, with trained librarians in charge, and the existing library committees should be reduced to

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39. C.C.C. Minutes of Bylaws, Finance and Departmental Committees, p.4746.

40. C.C.C. Vol. 70, p.21912.