

small sub-committees to represent each library. The final suggestion put forward, by the College, was for complete control of the Library by the City, but with adequate representation for Canterbury College on the managing board, because of the endowments. Under this system, it was proposed that the City should raise a library rate of about £12,000 and make all departments free at the central library. The suburban libraries should also be made free branches of the central library and the existing voluntary committees should cease to function, as soon as the branches were organised and brought into the system. This final proposal represents, of course, the ideal library set-up for a large city. After having made these proposals for the future control of the Library, the report proceeded to discuss the position with regard to the condition of the Canterbury Public Library at that time. In suggesting that the Library needed remodelling or partly rebuilding, it mooted the idea of the establishment of a new Reference Library on the Cambridge Terrace frontage, and the introduction of a stack room ⁽⁴¹⁾ in the old Reference Library. It was finally resolved that two alternative proposals should be placed before the City Council, for an expression of opinion on the policy involved. - (a) "That the Canterbury Public Library be handed over to the City Council which will assume responsibility for its future maintenance" and (b) "That the City Council make a grant of £2000 to the College Council for the Library, and the College Council will guarantee to carry on and give good service to the Public." In the event of proposal (b) being adopted, it was decided that adequate

41. The purposes of a stack room is to relieve the shelves by providing storage space for lesser used books. The shelf position of such books is indicated in the catalogues. Many American libraries have only 10,000 to 20,000 books on the shelves while their stack rooms often contain over 100,000 volumes.