

Museum and the rest had been divided into five parts for divers purposes. He had suggested that some of these purposes had not been in existence when the bequests had been made. (52) But this extremely vague statement gave no accurate picture of the true state of affairs. In 1946 the endowment was divided between the School of Engineering (£535), the School of Art (£130) - these two being together the School of Technical Science - the Museum (£1652) and the College Library (£50). This was a representative year for the period after 1910 except that, until 1942, the Public Library had received an annual grant varying from £90 to £700, (53) while, until that date, the College Library grant had never exceeded £25 per year. Thus the only institution not contemplated by the founders of the endowment had received an almost negligible grant (approximately .5%). There can be no doubt that the Museum was being maintained at the expense of the Library, to a certain extent, but the Council's opportunities of relieving the College's financial burden, in that respect, have already been emphasised. Councillor Lyons informed the Council that he had asked for £800 per annum for the Library, but a compromise had been effected at £480 which represented two fifths of the remaining half of the endowment revenue. (54) This compromise was then ratified, subject to a similar ratification by the College Council, which was soon forthcoming, accompanied by a clause "That the Public Library, as a going concern, be transferred to the City Council, it being understood that considerable expenditure

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52. C.C.C. Vol. 83. p.26879.

53. This amount had only been below £320 on eleven occasions, five of which had been during the depression of the early thirties.

54. The total endowment revenue was approximately £2400 during the 1940's.