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Miss Marion E. Sparks,  
Chemistry Library

My dear Miss Sparks:

I am greatly obliged for your outlines and other material of August 2 relating to the courses for the preparation of librarians trained in the use of Chemical literature.

Under the present ruling of the Library School faculty, Library School students at the beginning of their senior year may secure the approval of the faculty to elect courses in other branches of the University, which will be accepted in lieu of an equivalent number of hours of Library School courses. So far as I can see therefore, if among the seniors in the Library School there are found any who have had any chemistry, the way is already opened for them to take the chemistry courses outlined in your memorandum. I should be glad to have you come over to the Library School office when I am here and we will go over the prospective senior class to see which one have had sufficient chemistry to warrant us in ~~recommending~~ *suggesting* to them that they follow your tentative outlines.

Up to the present time the faculty has not voted to allow any such electives during the junior year. I do not know what their attitude would be if the matter were presented in concrete form, that is, if any well prepared student should wish to combine courses in Chemistry with junior Library School courses. I am half inclined to believe that the decision of the faculty would depend upon each individual case as it was presented. When you come over to my office I will be glad to talk this matter over with you more fully, for I am quite convinced that we ought to do something to prepare some of our students for positions in Chemical and industrial concerns.

Yours very truly,

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