

*Travelling*

McGILL UNIVERSITY TRAVELLING LIBRARIES

REPORT, 1918-19

We are glad to report a steady increase in the number of Libraries sent out by this Department, 137 Libraries having been distributed during the year to 67 places in the Dominion. The Women's Societies are waking up to the possibilities of these Libraries and from all over the country requests are coming in for from one to twelve Libraries at a time. The cost of transportation and also of books has increased so much that we think it might be wiser to confine our efforts to the nearer Provinces, and are instituting enquiries as to what systems of Travelling Libraries are in operation in British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, so that we may not overlap or use up our funds unnecessarily. Below will be found a statistical report of the number of Libraries distributed in each Province.

Owing to shortage of funds our buying of books was greatly curtailed this season, so that we were able to make only 182 purchases, including 15 replacements.

The number of stereoscopes and lectures sent out was only limited by our supply. In this connection I would like to state that there is a large field for the Illustrated Lectures, and if funds were forthcoming for new sets a work of great educational value could be done, as we are constantly asked for new subjects. These Lectures have been used at the Red Triangle Hut and in other places for our returned men, as well as by the general public.

We received another generous supply of magazines for soldiers from the War Library Service, Hamilton, Ohio, some of which were supplied to the Women's Union of McGill for the men Overseas, and others distributed through the McGill Alumnae Library Committee to the Hospitals at St. Annes, Drummond Street, and Royal Edward Annex, etc.

In conclusion we wish to put on record our sense of the invaluable services rendered by our late Librarian, Mr. Gould, to the University and the country as a whole. It was through