

ly advisable that Montreal should provide itself with trained workers who have lived and who are likely to continue to live in this City.

The need for good social work is tremendous. It is quite as, if not more necessary, than in any other Canadian City. Mortality rates are high, juvenile delinquency is common, immorality is rampant, housing conditions are bad, tuberculosis is poorly cared for and in regard to it practically no preventive educational work is carried on. If the need is there, how can it be filled without trained workers, and above all without a community conscience in regard to social problems? For a community conscience will do more than anything to cause an increase in the demand for trained workers.

The Volunteer in Social Work.

The community conscience will most easily be developed by short courses of Extension Lectures of a general nature, but before any large number of citizens can be attracted to attend such a course, some spade work will have to be done.

In 1918-19, there was a registration of over 800 for such a course. An analysis of the registration revealed the fact that the people attending were people who were actually engaged in social work and who had had no training or people who as volunteers in some capacity or another had already demonstrated their interest; not a few of those who registered for that course the first year, registered as partial students for one or more of the Certificate courses in the second year.

The Extension Course was repeated in somewhat different form the second year with a slightly lower registration, the composition of which was unchanged.

That source of supply was exhausted. In the third year, an attempt was made to attract people who had never been before by offering a short Extension Course on "Child Welfare Problems"; in spite of the fact that over a thousand personal letters with announcements were sent out, only five people registered.

This year, another attempt has been made to interest new people; personal interviews with the Regent of the Municipal Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire and the President of the Junior League resulted in their endorsement and co-operation in urging their members to make provisional registration for a short course of ten lectures on current social problems. To date, less than 25 have registered.

The apathy of the general public was well shown during the recent Public and Child Welfare Conferences. The maximum attendance never reached 250, and sometimes was as low as 50.