

The Department of Social Service was started in no precipitate fashion, but only after much more serious consideration of our community's needs than has apparently been given by the Principal's Committee who make these recommendations. It is surely a backward and costly policy to "scrap" the vision and experience of such men as Sir William Peterson who had the benefit of living in Montreal many years before he undertook the steps necessary to inaugurate the Department; such action, it seems to me, would only give evidence of admission of failure on the part of the University to fulfil its undertaking in this respect.

Universities all over the world have definitely recognized their opportunities and responsibilities for the specialized equipment of men and women for the public and voluntary social service of the nation, and this recognition has always involved the establishment of training courses for workers which provide for field and laboratory work of a practical kind as well as lectures and discussion, and which offer certificates and diplomas to the students on the satisfactory completion of their courses....In Great Britain such certificate courses are increasing in numbers and importance in spite of the temporary adjustments necessitated by reason of industrial depression following the war. A group of 13 Universities at the request of the British Government have formed a Joint University Council for the promotion of social work and the further standardization and improvement of the training courses. I have the programs of nearly all these training schools which are associated respectively with the Universities named on the attached list, and I am in fairly regular communication with all the Secretaries and with the Secretary of the Joint University Council....Universities in the United States are opening their doors more and more frequently to social workers in need of training, and from time to time, are taking over independent schools which have responded to the social need in advance of the recognition of this need by the Universities. (see attached list). An example of this trend in University life is the University of Chicago which has recently adopted as part of the University body the former School of Civics and Philanthropy where I had the privilege of lecturing twice in 1917..... Even in Canada increasing recognition is being given to the need for trained social workers, Western University, of London, Ontario, having just taken the first steps towards providing some training under University auspices. (see attached list).