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It is encouraging to report for the second quarter of 1933 a noticeable improvement in the employment field, and that our Bureau has succeeded in making 29 placements. Thus, except for one other, this quarter has shown the best results since the Bureau was started in January 1931, and in addition the placements made during the last three months present prospects of greater permanency than in any quarter heretofore. Three examples may be quoted:-

years!
An international chemical firm with Canadian Headquarters in Montreal, had an opening for a sales executive. One of our Commerce graduates of several ~~year's~~ standing has been engaged to take under his own supervision the development of sales for a new chemical product, with the prospect of building up an allied business under his own control.

A recent graduate in Commerce was appointed editor of a trade magazine, and has already assumed the editorship of another trade magazine published by the same firm, so that his connection is proving mutually beneficial, with assurance of continuation.

An engineering graduate of four year's standing was put in touch with a new firm of trade representatives whose business has developed sufficiently to warrant his going to England for several months, where he will represent the firm.

This quarter has again shown a lack of really good material with which to fill positions where stenographic ability is essential. One very promising position for a male stenographer could be filled only by recourse to our list of non-McGill men. In regard to women stenographers the same thing applies, as less than 3% of the women registered have enough ability in typing and dictation to secure office positions, for at the present time only well qualified girls are chosen from among the many applicants available.

It should be evident that this Bureau is rendering direct assistance to McGill men and women, to the University staff and to many Canadian employers; but it seems unlikely that due credit or recognition will be given the Bureau for its work. It is to be remembered that the Employment Bureau has been undertaken by the Graduates' Society entirely at its own expense, and the outlook for the Bureau cannot be considered bright, until definite arrangements are made for its financing. Otherwise it cannot develop to give service adequate to the needs of the University in this field. That this need has been recognized by almost all Universities in North America, and by the larger ones in Great Britain, who in consequence conduct employment services, indicates that at McGill this work should be carried on for graduates of all Faculties of the University as completely and efficiently as possible.

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