

MCGILL UNIVERSITY
MONTREAL

FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

5. Second Need: An Instructor on the Staff

An Honours Course, and provision for advanced or graduate study, are essential to the Department unless it is to have the status of a "small-college" Department where research and distinction in achievement are not essential. To give such Honours and advanced work, according to the Course of Study outlined above, an addition to staff is necessary. At present 8 full courses are offered to undergraduates; nothing specially for graduate students as such. To provide these 8 courses there is a staff which, counted in instructor-units, is two and one-third professors, because the Dean of the Faculty of Arts in his capacity as Professor of Logic can give the Department only three hours a week, which is done ^{to be sure,} in the most fundamental course, the Introduction and Logic. The other seven courses are given by two professors who have schedules of 10 and 12 hours a week, which will be increased the coming year. This is entirely too much to expect of a scholar who desires and is obliged, in order to be alive in his teaching, to make researches and to leave a record of them, and his University before the world. Other Universities, both on this Continent and in Great Britain expect no such large number of teaching hours a week - the average is under 8 or 9 hours per week. A full-time instructor would enable the Department to do its advanced work properly, ~~and make some progress by~~ ~~the status of a Department in a satisfactory manner.~~

Before any such addition is made, however, there ought to be more adequate remuneration for the Associate Professor in the Department who is rendering the services of a Professor of the highest grade.