

Social Science Conference.

Provision was made for meetings of all those engaged, as teachers or researchers, in the social sciences, in the form of a joint Conference. But this Conference did not meet regularly and had no clearly defined relation to the whole research organisation.

The Local Community Research Committee, not the Social Science Conference, is the most akin to the McGill Social Research Council: the Conference was a full meeting of all the Faculties, representing a hundred or more persons. The importance of the Conference lies in its being projected to assist in the difficult task of developing a common programme and breaking down the barriers of the specialisation of departments; and in its later developments.

The Social Sciences Division.

The Conference is now merged or reconstituted in the Social Sciences Division (*) of the University. Since the fall of 1929 the former social science research departments have been housed in the same building (Social Sciences Research Building), without reference to departmental lines, but rather to fields of research: a unique institutional means of improving the relations between departments and assisting coordinated research.

Research Committees for Particular Projects.

The most successful experiment which has been in operation since the early stages of the work at Chicago is the employment of the Committee to deal with each subject of research. The Committee or Subcommittee is constituted solely by reference to the subject.

* the others being the Physical Sciences Division, the Biological Sciences Division (including Medicine), and the Humanities Division.