

Research Organisation.

The first inter-departmental organisation for research on social problems was set up at the University in 1923. At the beginning, funds were granted, and organisation devised, for research within or related to Chicago (the first intention being a study of social conditions in the Calumet district), the University's first annual grant being \$20,000. The scope of operations was later broadened, however, to social research whether local or otherwise.

Another noteworthy development was that, besides projects initiated by the university, requests were made by outside bodies (a) for pieces of research to be undertaken for them, and (b) for cooperative research, between outside and university personnel. The University has greatly expanded the field of cooperation with civic and social agencies since the organisation was set up.

Local Community Research Committee.

This Committee, formed in 1923, was the main organisation, composed of seven members from various departments, with an executive secretary but no chairman. Its functions were to approve (annually) appropriations for departmental projects, and to approve, formulate, or assist in formulating, programmes. ^xBut there was little clarity as to its responsibility, and it had no formal or organised contract with the Social Science Conference (see below), or with departments. Applications for grants, or proposed research projects, were submitted to it annually, by committees, chairman of departments or others, and a programme was agreed upon for the year.

x A good deal of research of course went on, and still goes on, which has no connection with the Committee. This point is worthy of mention in view of the research at present undertaken at McGill by e.g., the Economics and Sociology departments, which is of course not necessarily affected.