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As we had anticipated a large number of the graduating class of 1931 availed themselves of the services of the Bureau, and most of the applications received during the two months under review were from new graduates, many of whom, apparently, had not realized the difficulty of obtaining suitable employment under existing conditions. Perhaps the most encouraging feature of our work so far has been the interest shown in it by these young graduates and their appreciation of such assistance as we have been able to give them. We are frequently called upon for information and suggestions which might be helpful in assisting applicants to locate possible openings, and in at least two instances we were able to give information which resulted in employment being obtained, and in a third instance, where a young graduate desired to enter the journalistic field we were able to give him a lead which led to a definite promise of employment in September next. While neither the time nor the resources at our disposal permit of an information bureau being organized, it is our aim to keep in constant touch with industrial movements from which opportunities of placement may develop even though no definite inquiry is received, and to pass on such information to interested applicants.

In continuance of the policy outlined in our previous report, no opportunity has been lost of bringing the work of the Bureau to the attention of the principal organizations throughout the country. Through the medium of letters and personal calls many useful contacts have been established, and we feel that although such publicity cannot be expected to yield a very high percentage of immediate return, it has served a very useful purpose, the benefit of which will be apparent as improved business conditions create an increased demand for personnel. Useful publicity has also been obtained through the medium of the McGill News, in the June issue of which an article was inserted, the main object of which was to secure the interest and co-operation of the older graduates, as one of our difficulties up to the present has been the limited field of selection available when inquiries are received for men with specialized training and experience. A copy of the article referred to is attached to this report.