

Without doubt the present financial situation has had its effect on the individual social agencies; some workers have been released and others warned that their services might not be required; at the same time, five of our own students of last year are unplaced and idle. This situation will have influenced our registration of Certificate students, but it does not account for the apathy of potential volunteers and of people who should desire at least some knowledge of the City's social problems.

The Future.

Desire for knowledge of social questions must be inspired by a definite propagandist campaign.

Outside Meetings in the City of Montreal.

The Director of the Department should prepare a series of four or five talks, illustrated if possible by slides, and should seek out opportunities to give these talks to church societies, Boards of Trustees, clubs and associations. This would involve a good deal of night work.

In a city where the executives of social agencies are competent, this kind of propaganda is indirectly accomplished through their addresses, but with Mr. Bradford and Mr. Dawson gone from the City, there are very few executive officers capable of giving such talks. For example, on the 22nd. inst. a church young women's society, desiring an address on the work of the University Settlement, turns to the Director of the Department when a Head Worker should undertake this.

Meetings in Other Cities.

Opportunities to address audiences in other places where there is a considerable enough population could be sought after with advantage in order to develop a community conscience in regard to social work and to create a demand for trained service. Housing and recreation, for example, are problems which can be coped with in the early life of a city or town, but which, if left uncared for as in Montreal, present almost impossible financial obstacles. The Department may well feel some missionary responsibility in this respect and in years to come will be repaid by the attendance of students from these places.

The Certificate and Diploma Courses.

There seems no reason to suggest any change in their general character, and for a year or two, the comparatively high cost per student must be faced as inevitable.