

The Director's Activities Outside the Department.

From August 1st, 1918 to October 31st, 1920, the Director was on full salary to the University but during that period, much time was devoted to improving Montreal as a social laboratory for the Department; from November 1st, 1920, the Director has been on part time salary to the University and to the Montreal Council of Social Agencies.

During 1919, the Survey of 57 Social Agencies (Protestant and Non-Sectarian) was made which resulted in the organization of the Council of Social Agencies in May 1920. In December 1919, the Director precipitated the re-organization of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children, and served on the new Executive.

Throughout 1920, the way was being paved for the organization of the Children's Bureau, a co-operative undertaking of five children's institutions for the purpose of social investigation and child placing; this came into being in November 1920.

A re-organization of the Playgrounds Association was initiated by the Director in the Spring of 1920, and carried out by Mr. Bradford and Dr. Lamb of the Department of Physical Education.

The organization of the Council of Social Agencies progressed steadily through the winter of 1919-1920. The activities of the Council since November 1st have centered on the problems of the 4 Divisions into which its 42 constituent units are divided, whilst the Executive Committee has carried through the establishment of the common office building scheme in the Blumenthal Building, the building up of the Confidential Exchange and the quarterly journal "The Social Worker", and the organization of the meeting of the Canadian Conference on Public Welfare held in Montreal this September.

The Present Situation.

Your Director is assured by people outside the professional field of social work that there is a more intelligent interest in and consideration of social problems on the part of the English-speaking Protestant citizens than there was three years ago and that this is in part due to the existence of the Department.

This may be so, but I feel convinced that it is not very general and the failure of the Department to secure any satisfactory registration for an Extension Course from the Junior League or the Daughters of the Empire together with the poor attendance at the Public Welfare and Child Welfare Conferences in September would bear this out.