

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

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In 1922, the authorities decided to organize a Department of Sociology in McGill University. In the course of two years a full honours course in Sociology was offered and Dr. W. E. Gettys was appointed Assistant Professor of Sociology. When he became head of the Department of Sociology in the University of Texas, his place was taken by Dr. E. C. Hughes, (1927).

McGill is the only Canadian university which offers an Honours Course in the subject of Sociology. Dalhousie has a professor of Sociology and many of the other colleges are giving a larger place in their curricula to this subject. At McGill we stand in a position of advantage and we wish to extend and maintain this position. *out*

The courses offered in the Department may be outlined as follows:

- 1.- General and theoretical
  - (a) Introduction to Sociology.
  - (b) Social Origins, a study of pre-literate society.
  - (c) Social Theory and Methods of Research (Seminar).
- 2.- The Community.
  - (a) The Community (urban and rural).
  - (b) Immigration
  - (c) Culture Areas in Canada (Seminar).
- 3.- Social Institutions.
  - (a) The Family.
  - (b) Modern Social Institutions (Seminar)
- 4.- Personal and Social Adjustment.
  - (a) The Child, with special reference to the problem of juvenile delinquency.
  - (b) Social Movements.
  - (c) Social Pathology.
  - (d) Personality and Social Attitudes (Seminar)

(1) Personnel of the Department.

The teaching of the Department is carried on by two instructors who have taken their graduate degrees in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Chicago. *out* The teaching and research schedule at McGill University has grown too heavy for this small staff. The two graduate student assistants, appointed each year, help with the conference and research work in undergraduate courses. The organization of research work, its direction, and the writing for publication in addition to a regular schedule of teaching duties, place very great demands upon a small staff. In a field so new and relatively unorganized, research studies and their publication must receive a great deal of attention.

Dr. Hughes is a capable and industrious scholar. *out* (His academic record was excellent and is being well maintained in his work at McGill University.) His proficiency in French and German keeps him in close touch with French and