

in the Faculty of Arts and Science. This change will be dealt with more fully later on in this report. The general drop in numbers between the years 1927 and 1928 was probably caused by distinct overcrowding in the freshman year during the year 1927, and the consequent larger number of students who failed in their examinations at the end of the term and this overcrowding was at least in part the result of a change in the Faculty of Applied Science which required about 80 students to attend the first year in Arts before being admitted to that Faculty. Indeed this overcrowding of the first year by so many students who do not or cannot proceed to higher years has become one of the most pronounced difficulties in the work of the Faculty in recent years.

Changes in the Staff since 1921-22

The following table of figures shows the increase in the number of instructors during this period:-

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No comment on these figures is really necessary. It may be pointed out, however, that the Departments of History and Classics and the joint Departments of Philosophy and Psychology have been notably strengthened during the last ten years, and that the Departments of Mathematics and English Literature, both basic departments, need further additions to their staff in the early future. These, however, are matters of administrative detail and need not, therefore, be elaborated in this report. It should always be kept in mind, however, that each department is sovereign in its own subject and ought, therefore, to be master of its own methods and the best judge of its own needs. There is no common measure of worth by which any individual or committee can estimate the relative importance or value of all the different departments of study in a college of Liberal Arts and Science. Friendly and helpful cooperation is the only practical principle to apply to these problems. Everything depends upon the training, experience and personal influence of the different professors and instructors engaged in the work of teaching and research. It really