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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE  
McGill University

Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee of Management  
held on Wednesday, April 19th, 1922, in the Office  
of the Principal.

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ATTENDANCE: The Principal, Sir Arthur Currie, in the chair; present: Dr. Helen R.Y. Reid, Dr. Caldwell, Dr. D.J. Fraser, Dr. Howard, Mr. W.M. Birks, Dean Laing, at the request of the Principal, and the Director.

MINUTES: Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Director submitted a Report as attached, covering the 4 years of the existence of the Department, and dealing with registration, cost to the University, and the general development in social work in the City during the life of the Department. The adoption of the Report was moved by the Director, seconded by Dr. Reid and carried unanimously.

DEAN'S LETTER: The Principal read excerpts from a letter from Dean Laing which had been transmitted with the Report of the Special Committee appointed to make recommendations in regard to the future of the Department. The excerpts read emphasized the part of the Report which recommended that secretarial service should be unnecessary and the part which recommended the granting of an annual graduate fellowship.

The Principal, before opening the Report for discussion, expressed it as his opinion that there was undoubtedly a great need for social service work, that training for it was a proper field for University activity and hoped that the Committee would free their minds of the idea that the University wanted to disassociate itself from this field of work; within limits of financial possibility, the work should be enlarged. In as much as it was essentially humanistic, it should be allied to Arts which Faculty and Corporation had approved the idea of courses in Sociology open to second year students. The University should be a strong influence in the community in regard to the solution of social problems; this should be accomplished 1st, by the education of the general public by Extension Lectures, and 2nd, by the training of social workers.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT: The Report of the Special Committee was considered seriatim.