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6. What happened? The following is a brief history of the Department since its inception: I arrived on August 4th, 1918. Sir William Peterson returned in November; Professor Dale went overseas to Khaki University in November, and Mr. Dexter, General Secretary of the Charity Organization Society, left the City in December. These were the three men who were chiefly instrumental in starting the Department.

The only advance preparation for the Department was a half page in the Calendar for 1918-19 saying that it would be started and that plans would be developed on the arrival of the Director.

As to finances, there was pledged for 3 years \$ 3300.00 per annum, two hundred less than my salary, and I was not to lecture if I did not want to do so..

The first Session 1918-1919, was confined to Extension work and I think it cost the University nothing over and above the \$ 3300.00.

The second Session, we had 9 full time students, all of whom are doing useful work now, 8 in the City and 1 in the U.S.A.

Before the third Session, I weakly gave in to the plan which had been negotiated during my absence in England, (Summer of 1920) between the Officers of the Montreal Council of Social Agencies and Members of the Finance Committee of the University, and divided my time. We had twelve full time students that Session.

By the time they were ready for work, the industrial slump had come and there was and still is difficulty in placing them all. A difficulty, however, which is not peculiar to my Department, for University graduates from all Faculties are searching for work and taking what they can get. This I know caused dissatisfaction and criticism of the Department which was enhanced by the fact that my dual responsibilities left me insufficient time to attend to the students individual needs and problems.

In short, I had allowed myself to be inveigled into attempting the impossible because I feared the Department would be abandoned if the cost was not kept down.

Now as to the Theological Colleges. The first trouble with them occurred in the Session of 1919-20, when