

DEPARTMENT OF ROMANCE LANGUAGES

M.A. candidates, due principally to the January 28, 1931, is increasing rapidly, the work is assuming such proportions that it is impossible for Dr. W. D. Woodhead, the only member available at that time, to handle it all. For instance, no less than 15 theses have to be read next September, by the Department, in fact, by the Head of the Department, since he is the only member available at that time.

Dear Sir:-

The actual situation of graduate studies in French is as follows: There are two sources from which graduate students come, (1) The regular session, (2) the French Summer School - students taking four years in the advanced course at the School. The latter is the most important source. For instance, this year, of fifteen candidates for the M.A. degree ten are Summer School students. Students of the first category very often come from other Canadian or American Universities, and they have not the knowledge of spoken French that our honour students here possess, but since their titles are satisfactory it is impossible to refuse their application. I think it is absolutely necessary to demand from these students two years preparation instead of one, and to insert this rule in the calendar.

The other difficulties we find are (1) The lack of rare French books and manuscripts which make the choice of an original subject very difficult. (2) The inability of the members of the Staff to give sufficient time to the graduate students. As their time is already entirely occupied by undergraduates, they cannot devote much to graduate students, without neglecting the undergraduate work or overworking themselves. As the number of