

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

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In the Department of English, Graduate Courses leading to the degree of Master of Arts are given; courses may also be taken by students who already have the M.A. and who may wish to continue their studies at McGill. The degree of Ph.D. is not given in the Department. In the Report submitted in 1929 we stated that in our opinion it was not advisable to offer the Ph.D. degree at that time or for some time to come. The Department is still of this opinion. Our M.A. degree is a degree of high standard and is so regarded by other Universities. It is accepted by other Graduate Schools as representing the equivalent of one year's work for the Ph.D. degree. Students who have taken our M.A. degree and have then gone elsewhere for the Ph.D. degree have almost without exception completed in their Ph.D. dissertation the investigation carried on and presented in the M.A. thesis. The Ph.D. theses have been extensions on developments of the M.A. theses.

To give courses leading to a Ph.D. degree of respectable or adequate standard would necessitate the appointment to our staff of two additional members of Professorial rank, and a largely increased Library appropriation. It would also necessitate a