

Romance Languages.

The staff of this department is distinctly miscellaneous. Nevertheless it is doing good work. The standards in the French language are much higher than in any of the Universities of the English-speaking Provinces, and this is as it should be. French is the language of instruction in all classes. Not a word of English is spoken except *to* a small special group of students in the first year coming from wholly English-speaking communities. Half the students in the College read French, and 500 can listen to a lecture or play in French and understand it fully. As for oral French there never has been and never will be a school which can teach a facile use of the language in conversation except to a very select few. This art can only be acquired by daily use of the language in a French speaking community. Reading French, listening to French, and speaking French are three almost entirely separate psychological processes.

The department needs a new head. The head of this department should be socially intimate with his staff and should do every thing possible to keep them together and to stay with the college. I deeply regret the loss of Professor Regis Messac. He is a fine scholar, but I fear that his place is in a University in his own country.

Sociology.

The subject called Sociology, as I understand it, is a compound of Economics, Political Science, Social Ethics, Psychology and Social Therapeutics, and the department is, therefore, apt to overlap these other departments and hence more waste. I think that the student should learn his fundamental Economics, Ethics and Psychology before going into Sociology and that the subject should, therefore, be limited to the third and fourth