

It is to be hoped that some of the outside activities of the Director, which will be related further on, may have had some effect in arousing a more intelligent interest; but the Department will have to carry its message far afield instead of waiting for people to come to it.

The Churches.

The churches as organisations are without doubt the most accessible medium through which to carry the message. From time to time, the Director has accepted invitations to speak at Church Club meetings, but time would not have permitted any consistent effort in this direction.

Moreover, it is doubtful whether either the Department or the Social Agencies have inspired the churches as a whole with the desire to co-operate as the best possible way of affording their members and adherents an opportunity of expressing their religious convictions in terms of personal service.

The Theological Colleges.

The Director, from a practical experience of twelve years prior to coming to Montreal, knows that the individual minister of a church may have a powerful influence in coping with social problems in the community in which he lives. It is not necessary that a minister should be an expert in any one branch of social work, but it is advisable that he should know enough about the essential problems, such as housing, tuberculosis, infant mortality, juvenile delinquency etc., to enable him to perceive the need for action and forward a movement when necessary; moreover, it is desirable that he should have an almost expert knowledge of the technique of family case work, for no minister can evade the responsibility for at least directing the way in which the poor of his parish shall be attended to.

The Department has failed to convince the Theological Colleges of the wisdom of the suggestion that every Theological student should be required to take a minimum of one hour a week each of his three years.

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for all years*

The Record of Past Students.

The following table shows the record of students who have taken a Certificate or Diploma Course with the Department during the last two Sessions.