

Enrollment of Students.

At the first few meetings of Chinese 1 more than 30 persons were present. Afterwards it was discovered that at least one-third of these were from outside the University. Upon receipt of the Registrar's notice of fees which amounted to about \$50.00 per term, nearly all of these dropped out of the class. The University students who took it as an extra, too, showed a very irregular attendance. Besides, there were many students who applied for enrollment but were refused. At the end of the year the class has become quite small. A small class is all right and even preferable for a language course; but for a lecture course, it is always more interesting and inspiring, for the lecturer as well as for the listeners, to have a larger class. I wish to impress upon both the University authorities and students the fact that Chinese 1 should be regarded as a part of the general college instruction in world civilization and not only as a special subject for those who are preparing to go to China or to deal with the Chinese. Since the course is given in English and no prerequisite is needed, why should not an ordinary student be permitted to enroll? It would be more satisfactory, of course, to have the best students, who are always few in number, but unless a large number of students are admitted and the best selected from amongst them, these students cannot be obtained. I venture to express the hope that the academic authorities will make it easier for students to enter this class next year and that a larger number of students will be allowed to attend. Encouragement of this sort by the authorities will surely make the entire atmosphere more favourable.

Inter-Departmental Work.

On January 16th, the first day of the second term, in a letter to the Dean, I submitted three suggestions for the betterment of working conditions in this Department, and one of them is the proposal of inter-departmental exchange lectures. Before and since that date, through personal contacts, I have been invited to lecture to three departments, namely, the Department of Sociology, the Department of Physics and the Department of Oriental Languages, and to two McGill Students' Societies, namely, the Chinese Students' Association and the Students' Christian Association. The dates and