

their staff organisation and equipment can render new service in the modern world. In this connection the enquiries already sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation furnish instruction in methods and examples of the results which can be achieved. In Canada, which is destined to go on absorbing the most varied elements into its population, there is a special need and opportunity for social research.

The University is situated in the largest city and principal industrial and financial centre of the Dominion. The cleavage of the citizens of Montreal into two main races complicates all social problems. This adds difficulty to the investigation, but challenges special interest and may give to the results obtained a measure of international value which they would not have if the population were uniform in texture. It is also true that, in view of the large French element in the population of the Dominion as a whole, no study undertaken in a purely English-speaking community would be likely to lead to generalisations of truly national validity. We have in Montreal and its neighbourhood representatives of the races and nationalities resident in Canada and of all our classes and industries in a degree to which no other Canadian city can pretend.

The field being a good one, the question may be asked what benefits the University considers likely to