

The professional Welfare Workers of Great Britain already number more than 700. They have organized a "Welfare Workers' Institute" and have a monthly publication. Their work is endorsed and supplemented by the work of the "Industrial Welfare Society" which, under the Presidency of H.R.H. The Duke of York, K.G., attempts to focus and develop social welfare activities. In the United States, several thousands of social workers are now organizing an association, and Canadian workers, both individually and in organized groups, have been invited to join this association. They have declined and are at the moment organizing on a national basis in Canada in the belief and hope, which they have been encouraged to foster, that the Universities of Canada will afford them safe and generous channels for the study, practice and standardization of their work.

In view of the foregoing and of the Sub-Committee's recommendations now in your hands, the following questions suggest themselves: can they be answered ?

1. Is McGill going to be content to drop out of the world group of Universities which give training to social workers, and by so doing admit her incapacity or her unwillingness to give this training ?
2. Is she going to count as failure the short test made during the most depressing period of economic life in our country over against the prospect of service during a future that is already brightening ?
3. Is McGill going to be content to have our big City turn to Toronto University and to the United States for its trained Executives in social work, who come handicapped by their lack of knowledge of local conditions and who leave the City after a short time because of the slow development of social work and the scarcity of trained social workers ?
4. Is McGill going to be content to forfeit the interest and the trust which has been inspired among our social workers since the Department was established, and which has been encouraged and stimulated within the past two months by announcements in public and in private by the Principal "that it is not the intention of the Board of Governors to discontinue such a course " ?