

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
FOR THE YEAR 1938

Washington

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**ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE PRESIDENT**

**WILLIAM SHERWOOD FOX**

to the

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

for the period

**1928-29 to 1937-38**

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR  
1928-29

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Gentlemen:

The report of the academic year of 1928-1929 which I have the honour to submit herewith is in large part a digest of the reports of the several departments of the University. The purpose of this compression of material is to enable the members of the Board to make a quick and yet comprehensive survey of the University's activities. Any member of the Board who desires further particulars concerning departments may obtain them from the President's Office. Such details as appear in the present summary are selected because they seem to be of major importance at this stage of the University's growth.

FACULTY CHANGES  
1928-29 and 1929-30

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Appointments - 1928-29

J. Mackenzie Dobson - Director of Alumni Activities  
Dr. J. W. Crane - Assistant Director of Alumni Activities  
Philip H. Hensel, M.B.A. - Assistant Professor of Business Administration  
G. B. Shetter, M.B.A. - Assistant Professor of Business Administration  
Dr. H. A. Skinner - Assistant Professor of Anatomy  
C. C. Cooper, M.A. - Instructor in Classics  
K. W. Hunten, Ph.D. - Instructor in Chemistry  
G. Harold Reavely, M.A. - Instructor in Geology  
Frank Stiling, M.A. - Instructor in English  
Wilfred Westgate, B.A. - Instructor in Classics  
Helen Myrick, B.A. - Assistant in Library  
Ruth Watson, B.A. - Assistant in Library

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Harold A. Logan, Ph.D. - Associate Professor of Economic and Political Science  
Mark K. Inman, M.A. - Assistant Professor of Economic and Political Science

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Lloyd Sipherd, M.B.A. - Assistant Professor of Business Administration  
Desmond Smythe, M.A. - Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Psychology  
Dr. R. A. Waud - Assistant Professor of Pharmacology  
Gordon R. Magee, M. Sc. - Instructor in Mathematics  
Edward Taube, M.A. - Instructor in German

Resignations - 1929

Dr. H. H. Bullard - Professor and Chief of Department of Pathology  
and Bacteriology  
Ralph E. Freeman, M.A., Litt.B. - Professor of Economic and Political  
Science  
W. C. McLeod, M.A. - Assistant Professor in the Division of Extension  
and Adult Education  
G. B. Shetter, M.B.A. - Assistant Professor of Business Administration  
Dr. R. A. Waud - Assistant Professor of Physiology  
Dr. Wesley Wilson - Assistant Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology  
(Faculty of Public Health)  
W. H. Tretheway, M.A. - Instructor in Romance Languages  
Louise Burns - Assistant in Physical Education

Retirements - 1929

N. C. James, LL.D. - Head of Department of German (after thirty-three  
years of service)  
W. J. Patterson, M.A. - Professor of Mathematics (after twenty-three  
years of service)

Leave of Absence - 1928-29

Helen Berdan, M.A. - Instructor in Botany  
John D. Ralph, B.A. - Instructor in Classics

Deceased

Dr. W. J. Robinson - Associate Professor of Psychiatry

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OFFICERS OF INSTRUCTION IN THE UNIVERSITY

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The Governors will doubtless be interested to have before them for reference the figures concerning the persons giving instruction in all the Faculties and Colleges of the University. The appended table will reveal in a striking way, I believe, the extent of the University's activities.



FULL TIME STAFF

	University College	Medical School	Faculty of Public Health	Affiliated Colleges	TOTAL
Professors	13	5	2	22	42
Associate Professors	3	2	-	8	13
Assistant Professors	15	4	4	2	25
Instructors	17	10	-	9	36
Technical Assistants	3	10	-	-	13
TOTAL	51	31	6	41	129

PART TIME STAFF

Professors	4	6	-	-	10
Associate Professors	-	7	-	-	7
Assistant Professors	-	9	-	-	9
Instructors	-	35	16	4	55
Lecturers	10	2	-	17	29
Assistants & Demonstrators	14	3	-	1	18
Student Assistants	17	3	-	-	20
TOTAL	45	65	16	22	148

Full Time Staff	129
Part Time Staff	148
TOTAL STAFF	277
Duplicates	29
NET TOTAL	248

REGISTRAR'S DEPARTMENT

Registrar: Dr. K. P. R. Neville  
Associate Registrar: E. Isabel Tanton

A very comprehensive and informative report of the Department has been prepared and submitted by the Associate Registrar. Inasmuch as the duties of the Department intimately touch every phase of the University's organized activities, a reading of it in its entirety would well repay each member of the Board for the time involved.

Among the innovations instituted during the year has been the introduction of a system whereby the Registrar's Office periodically sends to parents and to the principals of the schools from which the students come reports on the students' work, attainment, and attitude toward their studies. Frequent acknowledgements from the persons concerned testify to the educational value of the plan.

New files have been instituted to enable the Office to acquire certain permanent records never kept before and to make certain valuable studies pertaining to the Faculty and Student Body alike.

For the first time an account has been kept of a class of students from the time that it entered the University until what is known as the "normal period" has elapsed. A summary of this study is given below.

SURVEY OF GRADUATION CLASS IN ARTS OF 1929

Class of 1925-26 --- 1928-29

FULL TIME ARTS STUDENTS	University	Assumption	Ursuline	Waterloo	Total
Number who entered	153	13	17	31	214
Graduated before 1929	9	1	5	16	31
Graduated in 1929	53	4	5	5	67
Delayed graduation					
Still in college	21		1	1	23
Extramurals	3			1	4
B. Course (in hospital)	2				2
Medical Course (in Medical School)	23		1		24
Transferred to other college of the University	2				2
					<u>153</u>
WITHDRAWN					
Transferred to another University	8				8
Teaching	1				1
Normal School	1				1
Health	4		1		5
Finances	8				8
Gone into business	2				2
Death	2				2
Discouraged and poor scholarship	13		3		16
No reason	1	8	1	8	18
					<u>61</u>

The actual number of candidates who received degrees in Arts at the Annual Convocation, 1929, was 105. The difference between this number and the 67 listed in the table is accounted for as follows:

	University College	Ursuline College	Waterloo College	Total
Students who took work by the extra-mural department and completed by 1929	10			10
Students in the three year course, completed by 1929 (i.e. entered with advance credit)	3	2		5
Students delayed either because of failure or changed courses	17	2	2	21
Transferred to University from other Universities	1	1		2
	31	5	2	38

The following is the report of registration in the University for the entire year:

College		Full Time	Specials	Summer School	Extra- mural	Totals	Dupli- cates	NET TOTALS	1927-28
<b>ARTS</b>									
University	Men	349	13	56	57	475	44	431	
	Women	216	24	42	30	312	27	285	716 (627)
Alma	Women	2	2			4		4	4 (3)
Assumption	Men	63	3			66		66	66 (57)
Huron	Men	16	4			20		20	20 (13)
Ursuline	Men	27	1			28		28	
	Women	33	26			59		59	87 (75)
Waterloo	Men	18	1			19		19	19 (29)
									912 (804)
<b>MEDICINE</b>									
	Men	127	4			131	3	128	
	Women	9				9		9	137 (134)
<b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b>									
	Women	6	5			11		11	11 (12)
		866	83	98	87	1134	74	1060	1060 (950)



The annual official figures are compiled on the fourth Monday after registration day in the fall of each year. The present table shows the student net total up to one thousand, which is the first time that number has been reached, and the 1060 total exceeds the 1927-28 registration by 110. Of the total increase in the student registration 64 are in the "full time" class so that there are 866 full time students as compared with 802 in 1927-28; and of this increase of 64 there are 51 listed in University College. The number of special student does not vary greatly from year to year; there are 83 specials this year and there were 67 last year. The registration in the summer school and extramural department has readjusted itself since the establishment of the Department of Education Summer School in the city for the teaching of first class certificate work, a type of work that is not taught in the universities. The year preceding this Department Summer School our registration was 106, that year 79, and in 1928-29 there were 98 students. This balance is also true of the extramural registration and it is between the divisions of this department that the large majority of the duplicates occur. The 3 duplicates in the Medical School count are Arts students taking a few lectures at the Medical School. Part of the shrinkage at Waterloo College is due to the number who came into University registration with advance credit and who, because of that advance credit, have been graduating in short periods. Last year there were 10 candidates for graduation, this year there were five.

The registration by departments is set forth below:

	<u>Course</u>	<u>Students</u>	
ARTS	General	240	
	Honor	386	
	Specials	74	
	Premedicine		
	1st year	44	
	2nd year	42	
	Graduates	12	
	Summer School	98	
	Extramural	<u>87</u>	983
MEDICINE			
			<u>11</u>
PUBLIC HEALTH			1134
			<u>74</u>
Duplicates			1060
Total			

Degrees were conferred and certificates granted at Convocation, May 31st, according to the appended list:

<u>Degrees</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
LL. D.	University	2	-	2
LL. B.	University	1	-	1
M. A.	University	4	-	4
M. D.	Medical	24	1	25
B. A.	University	52	32	84
	Assumption	4	-	4
	Ursuline	4	6	10
	Waterloo	7	-	7
B. Sc.	Institute of Public Health	-	1	<u>1</u>
				138
<u>Certificates</u>				
C. I. N.	Institute	-	2	2
C. P. H. N.	Institute	-	2	<u>2</u>
				<u>4</u>
TOTAL				142

Other sections of the Registrar's report which are too long to be given in detail here but which must be noted are:

- (1) Students in Honor Courses
- (2) New students in the University
- (3) Geographical distribution of students. The table shows that 87.35 per cent. of the students come from the charter region and 79.9 from schools in the same region.
- (4) Classification of students by parents' occupations
- (5) Classification of students by religious denominations
- (6) Withdrawals of students during the session (a total of 43)
- (7) The results of the annual examinations

I wish to commend to the Board of Governors the conspicuous efficiency and progressiveness of the Registrar's Department.



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ARTS

Dean: Dr. K. P. R. Neville

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The Dean of this, the largest constituent unit of the University, reports that in every respect the academic year just closed has been the most satisfactory in the history of the University. The large increase in registration, the figures of which are shown in the Registrar's report, while gratifying, raise grave problems concerning financial maintenance and available floor space.

Faculty changes during the year include:

(1) The appointment of an Instructor in Experimental Psychology who will at the same time be Acting Head of the Department of Philosophy. For years the Administration has been keenly aware of the great need of some such provision; only the inadequacy of the University's resources has made necessary the postponement of the required staffing and laboratory equipment. In a year or two the Department will be so developed as to offer complete courses of a modern type.

(2) The resignation of Professor Ralph E. Freeman of the Department of Economics (to accept a position with a bond and investment house in Cleveland), of Professor Shetter of the Department of Business Administration (to enter business in New York City).

(3) The retirement as Emeritus Professors of Dr. N. C. James, Head of the Department of German, after thirty-three years of service to the institution, and of Professor W. J. Patterson of the Department of Mathematics, after twenty-three years on the staff.

(4) The appointment of Dr. Harold A. Logan as Associate Professor of Economics; of Mark K. Inman, M.A., as Assistant Professor of Economics; of Lloyd Sipherd, M.B.A., as Assistant Professor of Business Administration; of Desmond Smyth, M.A., as Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Psychology; of Edward Taube, M.A., as Instructor in German; and of Gordon R. Magee, M.Sc., as Instructor of Mathematics.

While it is presumably the first purpose of the Faculty in an undergraduate College of Arts to teach, the staff should also be encouraged to spend some time in research in order to keep an alert, up-to-date viewpoint. Our staff has not been remiss in this secondary devotion. Original investigations and resulting publication are reported by the Departments of Botany, Business Administration, Chemistry, Economics, History, Classics and Zoology.

THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Dean: Dr. A. B. Macallum

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Research work has been carried on in the various departments of the Medical School as follows:

Department of Physiology - The results of work carried on for some years by Professor F. R. Miller and Dr. N. B. Laughton on the Cerebellum were published in the proceedings of the Royal Society of London. Professor Miller also presented the results of his work on Reflexes on the Forelimb before the Royal Society of Canada. Dr. N. B. Laughton carried on extensive work on the Nucleus of the Vagus Nerve which controls the movements of the stomach. These results were presented before the Royal Society of Canada and were published in the American Journal of Physiology. Work of Dr. R. A. Waud on the Elimination from the Electrocardiogram of the Effects of Alternating Currents of Power and Lighting Lines was published in the American Heart Journal.

Department of Biochemistry - Researches on Haemoglobin were carried on by R. C. Bradley and Dr. A. B. Macallum.

Department of Anatomy - Dr. M. Thurlow Macklin published an article on Genetic Factors in connection with Mongolism. Dr. H. Alan Skinner published an article regarding tumors of the acoustic nerve and is doing some work on the histology of nerve trunks. Dr. C. C. Macklin published an article on the Musculature of the Bronchi. Dr. E. N. Ballantyne published an article on the histology of the Intestinal Mucosa.

Department of Pathology and Bacteriology - Dr. J. H. Fisher has been carrying on research in the following subjects: The Upper Respiratory and Middle Ear Infections, Different Types of Streptococci Encountered in Pyorrhoea Lesions and Persistence of Flora, and A Study of Inactive (Gamma) Streptococci. Dr. H. C. Moloy carried on a research on the Mitochondria in the Submaxillary Gland of the Rabbit with particular reference to nerve stimulation. Dr. H. I. Smith carried on a research on the Mitochondria in the Thyroid Gland of the Rabbit with particular reference to nerve stimulation.



## THE FACULTY OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Acting Dean: Dr. A. J. Slack

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The figures relating to the numbers of students in the regular courses of this Faculty and the numbers of those who received degrees or certificates at Convocation will be found in the Registrar's report. But the full extent of the teaching duties of this Faculty will be better understood from a perusal of a paragraph or two of Dr. Slack's report:

"During the year the staff of the Institute carried on 27 separate lecture or lecture and laboratory courses averaging between 10 and 30 hours each, with a total of 487 hours spent in teaching. Students reached in these courses included the following:- 12 students in the Public Health courses for Graduate Nurses, 81 students in the Faculty of Arts, 55 students in the Faculty of Medicine, and 188 different undergraduate nurses from the various hospitals of the city, the majority of this latter group receiving two separate courses of instruction. A total of 336 individual students received instruction in some phase of modern public health."

During the year the Faculty of Public Health coöperated with the Extension Department of the University by giving radio talks and public lectures as requested.

It must be borne in mind that this program of teaching is carried on in addition to the laboratory work of the Institute of Public Health proper, the statement of whose activities immediately follows.

## THE INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Acting Director: Dr. A. J. Slack

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The Institute of Public Health is in substance a branch laboratory of the Department of Health of the Province of Ontario which is operated by the University of Western Ontario.

Selected quotations from the Acting Director's report are self-explanatory.

"Despite the fact that it was necessary to build up an entirely new staff for the Division of Pathology and Bacteriology the total number of specimens examined by the



Institute during the year reached a total of 34,743 showing an increase of 8.9 per cent. or 2,825 specimens more than the preceding year. This is an average of 111 specimens reported for every day throughout the entire year excepting Sundays. These specimens were received from 184 different municipalities covering the entire district of Western Ontario and, as every Institute report bears the name of the University of Western Ontario, this constitutes a continuous and important factor in University advertising.

"This volume of laboratory work was accomplished only through the whole-hearted loyalty of the entire staff aided by the fact that certain members of the staff worked through the entire year without vacation."

The intimate relationship and the incalculable value of the Institute to Western Ontario may readily be gathered from a comment upon one major phase of the Institute's activities:

"It is safe to say that no epidemic of communicable disease occurs in Western Ontario without the laboratories of the Institute being called upon to aid in the control of the disease. In the recent and much advertised outbreak of disease in Ekfrid Township the laboratory investigation and post-mortem examination were carried out, diagnosis was established and specific treatment started by the Institute. This investigation was, of course, carried out in coöperation with the District Officer of Health as the Institute has no authority to investigate communicable disease except by request of the Provincial authorities. The staff of the Institute have on many occasions advised physicians and health officers with regard to prophylaxis, treatment and control of communicable disease and in numerous cases patients sent to the Institute by physicians have received free immunizing treatment against such diseases as smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever and tetanus."

I commend most highly to the Board the earnest industry of the Acting Director and his staff and their loyalty to the University.

DEAN OF WOMEN

Dean Ruby E. C. Mason

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Since this is the first time that a report of the Dean of Women has been submitted, I repeat verbatim the

first paragraphs of the Dean's statement, chiefly for the reason that it discloses briefly the scope and function of the office.

"The Freshman enters the University with the expectation of having an opportunity for initiative and self-development, for the attainment of the highest mental, social and spiritual self of which his nature is capable, together with every possibility of winning honours, friendship and happiness.

"By the consensus of opinion the social life of any community is no higher than that of its women. Responsibility of the university woman is great because of her exceptional privileges. To do her part well, each woman must strive to be "cultivated and disciplined in mind, superb in physique, gracious and courteous in manner, unselfish, honest, self-controlled and tolerant." The ultimate aim of the work of the Dean of Women is to help every student woman on the campus to approach this ideal. Your Dean of Women has sought to further her aim by creating avenues of approach to the Administrative Assembly; by enlarging the scope and dignity of the Women's Organization; by encouraging the activities of the twelve groups which make up the Women's Organization; by increasing the interest in combining fine scholarship with gracious manners, fine living with kindly fellowship; by creating sororities which will seek to provide homes as the best means of attaining their end; by encouraging all organizations towards the increase of recognition of Christian principles through the Student Christian Movement, the Student Volunteer Movement, the Student Christian Fellowship Movement; by encouraging a wholesome, friendly relationship among the students; by increasing the number and kind of social gatherings; by establishing a residence for the out-of-town girl where she may broaden by contact with others, where she may have the opportunity for social development; a residence which may become a social centre, a link between town student and out-of-town student, between faculty and student, between students of different colleges, between graduate and undergraduate, between town and town, and eventually between University and the counties of Western Ontario."

In addition to the numerous and varied relations of the Dean of Women to the women students, she has established and is maintaining many contacts with outside organizations that are of increasing worth to the University and which promise to widen the field of the University's usefulness. I cannot refrain from mentioning the contribution to the life and to the future of the University made by the Dean of Women in



maintaining Alpha House as a residence for a limited number of university women students; this she is doing voluntarily and enthusiastically, though at considerable personal sacrifice, because of her vision of the possibilities of the education of women in the University. Alpha House supplies in part the need of a social centre for the women students and constitutes a starting point for the new residential groups which are gradually forming under the supervision of the Dean of Women.

#### AFFILIATED COLLEGES

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This report would be incomplete without a word concerning the contribution of the affiliated colleges to the life and growth of the University. Complete understanding and harmony have marked the relations of the Colleges and the University since the inception of affiliation. The Heads and Staffs of the Colleges have been as zealous for the advancement of the University as for that of their own collegiate units. They fully agree with the Administration of the University that the improvement of both University and Colleges depends directly upon wholehearted cooperation.

The action of Huron College in increasing residential facilities for students of the University is a distinct and model service to the University.

Assumption College after a survey of possibilities for higher education in the Border Cities is very wisely adopting the policy of developing itself chiefly as a college of liberal arts, so that it may satisfactorily serve the young people of all denominations in its constituency.

The experiment of Alma College as an affiliated junior college has not been as successful as had been hoped. It is still under observation, however.

During the past few months Waterloo College has been conducting a campaign for the purpose of securing adequate endowment funds. Up to the present time subscriptions to the amount of \$112,000 are reported.



DEPARTMENT OF SUMMER SCHOOL, EXTRAMURAL STUDIES,  
UNIVERSITY EXTENSION AND ADULT EDUCATION

Chairman: Professor H. R. Kingston

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(a) Division of Summer School and Extramural Studies

Director: Professor H. R. Kingston

The attendance of the Summer School Session of 1928 which extended from July 2nd to August 11th marked an increase over the attendance of the previous year's session and confirmed the belief that the losses in enrolment caused by the competition of the Summer Session of the Normal School would soon be overcome. The total attendance was 98. Complementary to the Summer School is the Extramural Section which operates during the regular winter session; in this 87 students were registered.

The figures of the Summer School of 1929 do not naturally belong to this year's report; nevertheless a brief note upon them is instructive in that it shows the trend of development. For the session just closed 164 students were enrolled, 34 solely for a special course that was offered, 130 for the regular courses. This means an increase of 33 1/3 per cent. in the latter phase of the work.

A significant fact concerning this division is that financially it is now carrying itself, at once a tribute to the excellence of the direction it receives and a testimony to its usefulness to Western Ontario. One is warranted in believing that its services may be gradually expanded to the joint advantage of the community and of the University.

For completion of report, see appendix.

(b) Division of Extension and Adult Education

Director: Professor S. F. Maine

The Director reports this division has had by far the most successful year in its history. A greater number of people have been touched than ever before in a single year, a greater variety of courses have been given, and more constructive results have been attained, and all at a much

lower net cost. Regular weekly courses have been given in London, Chatham, Sarnia, Stratford, Blenheim, St. Thomas, Brantford, Preston, Galt, Woodstock and Ingersoll during the winter session, the total enrolment of students being about 500. The requests for continuation of courses in these places and the requests for new courses there and in other places as well testify to the sound success of the effort. Only a limitation of resources and of available staffing stands in the way of an immediate large expansion of this phase of university activity. A notable feature of this year's work has been the establishment of a class for regular university credits in Sarnia; the success of this class has led the Department to plan to extend this kind of service to other places next year.

In addition to the foregoing work the Department has given numerous occasional lectures in many places in Western Ontario as well as weekly radio talks which have been broadcast by the radio station of the London Free Press. It is impossible to estimate the very large number of people reached by the University in these ways.

The summary of the finances of the Department as submitted by the Director is illuminating and reveals the possibilities of expanding the work.

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Actual Disbursements</u>
\$5,425.00	\$4,888.00
<u>Estimated Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>
\$350.00	\$1,181.00

#### THE LIBRARY BOARD

Chairman: Principal C. C. Waller  
Librarian: Professor Fred Landon

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A few excerpts from the report of the Library Board will afford an adequate survey of the year's operations of the Library.



### Use of the Library

The number of books loaned from the libraries during the year was 43, 663, an increase of 2,803 over the preceding year. The steady growth in the use of the libraries during the last five years is indicated in the table below:

Year	University Library	Medical School Library	TOTAL
1924-25	18,088	7,782	25,870
1925-26	22,409	9,510	31,919
1926-27	26,210	9,993	36,203
1927-28	28,918	11,937	40,855
1928-29	33,574	10,089	43,663

### Additions to the Library

During the past year 4,504 volumes were added to the General Library and 1,226 volumes to the Medical School Library, a total increase of 5,730. There is now in the University Libraries a total of 86,103 volumes of which 13,416 are in the Medical School Library and 72,387 in the General Library.

### Cataloguing

The number of volumes catalogued during the year was 5,794 which is more than 500 greater than in the preceding year. The process of reclassifying the older books into the Library of Congress system has also made gratifying progress. The change over is complete as far as the Medical School Library is concerned, while in the General Library there are now 20,611 volumes in the new classification or nearly half the total. It is safe, therefore, to predict that the work undertaken a little over two years ago will be completed within the five year period which it was estimated would be required.

### Gifts to the Library

During the year many friends of the University have given to the Library numerous valuable books, manuscripts, pictures and other objects of historical interest.

The following observations upon the growth, the present status and the prospects of the Library bring into



high relief the essential importance of the Library as a phase of university service.

"There are two points worthy of special attention in connection with this report. One is that judging by the record of past growth we shall, within three years, have reached the 100,000 mark in the total of volumes in the libraries of the University. The second is that every year shows a substantial increase in the use made of the books and journals.

"When the present Library Board was constituted at the beginning of 1918, the University might properly be said to be without libraries. There were a few hundred old books in the Arts Library and a few hundred equally old books in the Medical School. In less than twelve years there have been built up collections now totalling over 86,000 volumes of which 60,000 are completely and scientifically catalogued.

"Along with this striking growth in the resources of the University libraries, there has been the equally interesting growth in the use of the libraries which has been presented in tabular form earlier in this report. The work of teachers and students is vitally dependent upon the libraries and it would appear that their needs are being met. But besides this primary function the libraries have brought to London scholars and investigators who have used its books and other material and the fact that we have such resources has also enabled the University to draw men to its teaching staff who would not come were the libraries meagre in their extent.

"The provision of a separate library building for the General Library is something which must ever be kept in mind. The University of Western Ontario has today collections of books which place it easily among the first six universities in Canada and it is fitting that there should be planned as one of the future developments of Western the provision of a library building which should be the heart of the University group."

## RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION

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Several months ago the Board of Governors authorized the preparation and issuance of a report of the books and articles published by the members of the University Staff during the decade from 1918 to 1928. The compilation of the material was assigned to Professor Landon. His task is now completed and before the end of the calendar year the report will be printed. Even a brief survey will impress one with the excellence of the research and the writing accomplished by the instructors of the University -- tasks undertaken in addition to their regular teaching duties. Their work in this respect has considerably enhanced the reputation and the usefulness of the University.

The research and publication carried on by the Staff of the Medical School during the past year is outlined on page 9 under the report of the Faculty of Medicine.

## DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Director: J. G. Lang

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According to the usual practice all students of the first and second years and all students of all years who contemplated taking part in any form of athletics were given a thorough physical examination by a council of physicians. The students were classified under the following headings:

- (a) Fit for all forms of Physical Exercise.
- (b) Fit for a limited form of Physical Exercise.
- (c) Temporarily unfit -- excused for .... months.
- (d) Unfit for any form of Physical Exercise.

Such advice was given to the students by the Director and the examining physicians as each case required. The Director records satisfactory results in the improvement of health and posture shown by a considerable number of students.

Work in track and field athletics, in boxing, wrestling and gymnastics was carried on under the direction of competent coaches. The scheme of employing student



tutors as assistant coaches in track athletics succeeded so well during the year that it will be extended next year to the other forms of athletics just noted.

The number and variety of games played by the students is annually increasing; this year the list includes rugby football, basketball, soccer, tennis and field hockey. Soccer is rapidly gaining in popularity and within the next two years a University team will probably take part in inter-collegiate contests.

The policy that guides the Department of Physical Education in regard to sports may be summed up in the words "Athletics for all and not for a selected few." Only under such a policy can the evils of excessively competitive inter-collegiate athletics be reduced to a minimum. The health of the students is the prime factor in determining such a policy.

Each year the need for an ample and well-equipped gymnasium becomes more pressing. The necessity of using rented quarters that are available only for a limited number of hours a week greatly retards the development of indoor athletics. In fact, this phase of the Department's program has practically reached its maximum expansion with the present equipment.

#### OUTSTANDING EVENTS OF THE YEAR

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In October, 1928, special ceremonies were held to celebrate jointly the Golden Jubilee of the University and the installation of the President in office. The Act of Parliament granting the University a charter received the royal assent on March 7th, 1878.

In the course of the year the joint bequests of the late Dr. Harry Meek and Mrs. Meek were released for use through the decease of Mrs. Meek. The total value of the two estates is approximately \$175,000. As soon as proper arrangements can be made the pathological laboratories and services of Victoria Hospital and of the University will be enlarged, improved and consolidated to the advantage of both institutions.

Of major importance among the events of the year was the creation of the offices of Director and Assistant Director of the University's Alumni Services. This

assures the graduates of the University of a continuance of the intimate personal relations that marked their undergraduate days and at the same time stamps the University as an institution of humane ideals.

The decision of the Intercollegiate Committee that presides over such matters to admit the University into senior intercollegiate football has already added much to the prestige and opportunity of the University. Through the active interest and practical generosity of certain friends the erection of the first unit of a stadium was made possible. Most appropriately the structure is to be known as the J. W. Little Memorial Stadium.

#### CERTAIN UNIVERSITY POLICIES

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In this the first annual report of a president of the University special comment must be made upon certain policies that have determined the action of the governing bodies of the University for several years. The three policies that are discussed are selected because of their paramount importance in the sound evolution of the University.

(1) As the rate of increase in student attendance is greater than the rate of increase in the University's financial means of maintenance, the policy of consolidating existing services should be conscientiously adhered to.

(2) Since the character of any educational institution depends in the highest degree upon the quality of its teaching staff, certain principles must be strictly observed in making appointments to teaching positions in the University:

(a) Superior qualifications are the first factor to be considered.

(b) Seniority alone should not be allowed to determine promotion.

(c) While a not inconsiderable number of the University's own graduates should occupy



positions in its faculties in order to perpetuate the University's special ideals, yet the staff as a whole should represent a mixture of types as to university, provincial and national origins.

(d) The following qualities should be sought in candidates for positions -- high moral character, expert scholarship, teaching ability, executive capacity.

- (3) In the literary and scientific phases of the University's activities a happy balance must be preserved between teaching and research. It must be borne in mind that this University is primarily an institution for teaching undergraduates; nevertheless, for the sake of its reputation and the intellectual vitality of its staff, it must constantly endeavor to contribute its share of literary production and of scientific discovery and publication.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

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Careful study of the year's operations and of tendencies that are manifesting themselves leads me to believe it advisable to lay before the Board certain recommendations as a basis of future policy and action.

(1) A passage in the report of the Library Board brings out the need of the early construction of new accommodation for the Library, preferably in the form of a new building.

(2) Even a casual glance at the athletic and gymnastic equipment reveals the urgent need of a large gymnasium on the grounds of the University College of Arts.

(3) In justice to the members of the teaching staff as well as for the purpose of strengthening the University, an endeavor should be made to put into operation a scheme, founded on the mutual basis, for providing annuities for instructors who retire from university service because of advanced years. The existence of such a scheme in any university is a prime factor in attracting the best kind of men to its faculties.

(4) The Board might find it to the advantage of the University to consider the advisability of securing an expert periodically to make a survey of such academic matters as (a) the University accounting system and (b) the various junior secretarial services. Recently in the United States great improvements have been made in adapting accounting systems to the needs of universities. As far as the secretarial services are concerned, it is well to discover and remove as early as possible any overlapping that may exist and at the same time to secure the largest measure of coöperation amongst the various offices.

(5) In its present status the Senate of the University exists for little more than to ratify the recommendations of the Faculties. This is a normal function, to be sure; yet it is a passive rather than an active one. It is also normal to expect that a Senate should have more than merely perfunctory duties to perform. It seems possible to draw up a program whereby the members of the Senate who represent the various districts of Western Ontario can do real service in keeping the University thoroughly acquainted with the educational needs of their communities and thus enable the University to improve certain of its facilities, notably those offered by the Department of Extension and Adult Education. If at the same time the senators were kept posted concerning the chief academic activities of the University, they could carry out their part of the program with greater assurance of success. If, however, they have reason to feel that they are barely more than rubber stamps, the Senate becomes a superfluous body, the implications of which fact the University ought promptly to recognize. The policy of wisdom appears to be to create for the Senate an interesting, definite, and constructive program of duties.

(6) It would seem sound policy that within the next few months the Board of Governors officially announce a maximum attendance of students permitted in the University College of Arts, the figures to be based upon the present building accommodation, laboratory equipment and financial resources. In the meantime, a schedule should be prepared to embody the rules of admission that will obtain after the maximum has been reached.

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It would be ungracious to omit from this report special mention of the spirit of coöperation that prevails throughout the University. To the existence of this spirit may be attributed no small part of the University's remarkable progress during the last decade. For the loyalty and friendship shown to me as president of the University by all members of the faculties and affiliated colleges, as well as by all other officers of the University, I am grateful beyond expression.

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President.



APPENDIX

SUMMER SCHOOL AND EXTRAMURAL DEPARTMENT (Cont'd)

The appended figures may be of interest:

Summer Session, 1928

Income from First Registration	\$140.00	
Tuition	2900.00	
Laboratory Fees	84.00	
Total		\$3124.00

Extramural Department, 1928-29

Income from First Registration	\$ 40.00	
Tuition	2207.50	
Total		\$2247.50

Total income from Summer School and Extramural Department -	\$5371.50
Total disbursements for Summer School and Extramural Department -	5459.98
Net Cost	\$ 88.48

Summer Session, 1929

Income from First Registration	\$ 285.00	
Tuition	4255.00	
Laboratory Fees	134.00	
Total		\$4674.00

Increase over Summer School of 1928	\$1550.00
Increase of Summer School Expenditures	\$ 295.00

It is gratifying to note that the prospects are that this department will show for the present fiscal year a surplus of about \$800.00.

A splendid spirit pervaded the Summer School and a feeling of deep appreciation of the opportunity that the University, through its summer session, is providing for the teachers of Western Ontario.