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POSTWAR NEEDS AND FACILITIES IN  
HIGHER EDUCATION IN OHIO

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In June, 1944, the Ohio College Association asked the writer to direct a study of needs and facilities in higher education in Ohio. December 31, 1944 was set as the date for finishing the study. A progress report was made on November 10, 1944. A tentative report was set up on January 8, 1945. This is a revision of the tentative report. The report is based upon data received from the Ohio Colleges in the late summer and early autumn of 1944, and upon other information available and judgments utilized in February 1945. In view of the many changes which may quickly alter the probabilities of postwar demand for college education it should be remembered that this report is based upon data available in February, 1945. Hence it is a dated report, and should be read as such.

The study included efforts to predict the postwar demands for higher education in Ohio and an analysis of facilities for higher education now provided by Ohio colleges or planned by them in the near future.

Need for the Study.

During the past several years, the programs of colleges, like those of many other agencies and organizations, have been disrupted by a number of serious factors largely incidental to the nation's preparation for, entrance into, and prosecution of the war. College enrollments have decreased markedly; in some colleges the number of men has shrunk to almost none. The normal flow of high-school graduates to college has been greatly reduced. College students, especially men, have cut short their college attendance. Graduate schools have had very sharp drops in enrollments; thus the preparation of new college teachers has almost stopped. Military conscription and demands of industry have taken not only students from colleges but also members of instructional and administrative staffs. At the same time, colleges, in many instances, found themselves overloaded with staff members in certain areas of instruction. Many courses have been dropped during the past several years. The armed services have called upon certain colleges for much campus instruction of military groups. Some colleges derived much financial help, as well as other benefits, through these opportunities; others received little. Now the colleges find themselves facing the possibility of large increases in enrollment in the near future with reduced staffs, reduced offerings, and no immediate opportunity for expansion or rehabilitation of buildings.

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