

taken that the value of the degree is not lessened. In our estimation one of the most important of the proposed changes is, that the classes of French and German together are to be optional with one of the ancient Languages. In these classes (French and German) the Matriculation examination at present demanded will remain compulsory, in other words, attendance on these classes will not count until the matriculation examination be first passed. Also, instead of one session in these classes as at present, there will be two, and the attendance on both classes for both sessions will be equivalent to three hours a day for one session. Among other changes proposed are two sessions at chemistry, two at Physics. These extra sessions will, doubtless, be optional with other classes now compulsory. From this latter mention will be seen what is meant when it is said that while the number of subjects required for the degree will be lessened, higher proficiency will be demanded. As to the number of classes required to be attended before obtaining the degree, they will likely be increased, in some of the courses at least.

In the Medical department, also, changes will likely be made which we think will be greatly for the better. At present there are three examinations which the medical student has to pass in order to obtain the degree of M.D. These are the Matriculation and the Primary and Final exams. These latter have usually been taken by the students at the close of their third and fourth years respectively, and the first has been taken at any time before the degree has been granted. The changes proposed are (1) That the Matriculation examination must be passed before a student is allowed to go up to any other examination. (2) That the Primary examination is to be passed at the end of the second year. (3) At the end of the third year there is to be an Intermediate

examination on which will be awarded the usual third year honors. Of course the Final exam. will remain the same.

We have given but an outline of the proposed changes, they may be more or may be less. None are yet settled on, nor can they be settled on until the trustees meet. Our next issue, however, will we hope contain full information on the subject.

CONSIDERABLE commotion has been and is being raised in medical student circles by that venerable and highly respected body—the Medical Council for Ontario. Its peculiarities are numerous, its vagaries are wonderful. This body has in its hands the control of the Medical profession in Ontario, and without its license no man is allowed here to practise medicine. Consequently the Council Examinations have become to medical students here almost more important than the examination for the degree of M.D. It is incorporated under the name of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. It issues a regular announcement, has its curriculum, its examiners and its appointed times, but apparently it does not consider itself bound as do other bodies to stick to its calendar announcements. Among these announcements one of the most important is the time for the final examinations. These examinations are held every spring at Toronto and Kingston simultaneously, from the same examination papers. This year the day set was the 13th April, or last Tuesday. Within the last few weeks, however, it would seem from the statements in the *Globe* and *Mail*, that these examinations have been postponed until the 27th of April, or two weeks later. Now these papers are supposed to be good authorities, and the *Canada Lancet* also contains the announcement, and hence most of the students here believe that there are good grounds for supposing that the statement is