

It may be well to make some explanations with respect to the Curriculum in Law. In 1888 the University established the Honor Department of Political Science and prescribed a course of study, which was not materially changed until May, 1895. The Curriculum in Law was based on this Arts course, the work of the first year of the pass course in Arts was prescribed for Matriculation in Law, the work in Political Science of the second year in Arts—when the honor course began—was that for the first year in law, and this continued throughout, so that when a student completed his course in Honor Political Science, he had but one more year's work before his examination for LL.B.

I send herewith a copy of the Curriculum in Law for 1891-1895, which will remain in force until July 1st, 1897, so as to enable students in Political Science, who graduate in Arts this year, to take their degree in law under the old curriculum.

The committee of the Senate having in charge the revision of the Curriculum in Law, has not yet reported, but I hope to see the work completed before the close of the session, when I shall forward you a number of copies.

In accordance with your suggestion, I have been instructed by the Senate to make application to the Special Board for Medicine for the recognition of this University, in respect of its Faculty of Medicine as a Colonial School.

I have been instructed to enquire whether it will be of any advantage to this University to receive the same affiliation in medicine as has been granted to the University of Adelaide, and if so, whether the higher standard of matriculation contemplated by the Medical Council will entitle our medical students, when it comes into force, to affiliation with the University of Cambridge, such as the University of Adelaide possesses; and if not, what evidence of proficiency in the subjects of the Arts course and what examinations of that course will be required by the University of Cambridge for that purpose.

I may be permitted to explain the reference to the Medical Council, which is the licensing body for Ontario. For many years it accepted for matriculation a certificate of matriculation in any Canadian or British University, and as a consequence, the standard varied very greatly. In 1890 an arrangement was made, by which the examinations for matriculation in this University and for the various grades of teachers' certificates in this province, were to be conducted by a joint board, of which half of the members are appointed by the Senate of this University, and the other half by the Minister of Education for the Province. The University retained its right to fix the standard, and within a short time, the Law Society, the Medical Council and other educational institutions required students entering upon course of study with them to pass this matriculation examination.

The Medical Council in June last, after the new Curriculum in Arts had been issued, passed the following regulation: "Everyone desirous of being registered as a matriculated medical student in the register of this college, except as hereinafter provided, must on and after the 1st day of November, 1897, present to the registrar of the college the official certificate of having passed the Junior Matriculation Examination as conducted by the Education Department of Ontario, with not less than second class honors in each of the following subjects: English, Physics, Chemistry, Botany and Zoology; or in lieu thereof an official certificate of having passed the Junior Matriculation Examination as conducted by the Education Department of Ontario, and in addition thereto a certificate of having passed, not sooner than in the ensuing year, the Arts examination held at the end of the first year of the University course by a recognized University." This is much more than the University requires and will not be taken by all our students in medicine, only by those who propose to practice in Ontario. By reference to