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In the interval between the end of the last and the beginning of the present session, the usual summer work of the University was resumed. There are, however, some aspects of the summer school in Arts which are not altogether satisfactory. The primary idea of establishing summer courses in Arts was not merely to give weak students an opportunity of redeeming failure or of strengthening themselves in subjects in which they ranked below the average, but also to enable those who were on the point of specializing or had already specialized, to pursue their studies under guidance; in short, the summer courses were intended to touch university work at various points in its range. But the view prevails that these summer classes are, to all intents and purposes, the means by which lost academic standing can be gained, and at the same time there is an idea, although a mistaken idea, that the summer examinations are not so difficult as those which belong to the ordinary session. The day is, perhaps, not distant when the summer school in Arts will be brought into full and organic connection with the prescribed Undergraduate course. That will mean a special endowment and also such regard for various circumstances as was expressed when the momentous question of lengthening the session was discussed.

The summer holiday courses in French again attracted teachers from different parts of Canada and the United States. Although the attendance was not so large as had been expected, the increase of last year's total is sufficient to mark the appreciation of the work of the Modern Language Department, and to stimulate those engaged in it to make it more than ever an integral part of university teaching.

The question of Imperial Federation has been touched on in previous editorials. Some reference may, therefore, be fittingly made to a visit paid to Canada (by Sir Frederic Pollock and Mr. Drage, who came to sound the country regarding a scheme for establishing an Imperial Council which is supposed in some way or other to quicken the sense of Imperial unity. When they were in Montreal they were enter-