

The fact that the University is simply an agent of the Protestant Committee in connection with the School Leaving Examination surely places it in a humiliating position. The course of study on which the examination is based is laid down and the text-books to be used prescribed by the Committee regardless of any opinion which the University may hold as to the merits or demerits of either or both from the point of view of Matriculation. Many efforts have been made to bring about consultation between the two bodies on these matters, and although there was a disposition to do so nothing ever came of them. Every year changes are made of which the University knows nothing until they appear in print which necessitates not a few omissions in the examination papers and extra expense for setting and printing. The consequence is that although the University often wishes to strengthen the course and to recommend what they consider better text-books, they are unable to do so. We simply have to accept the course and text-books set down by the Committee. Under present conditions, therefore, the University is powerless to raise the standard of this examination which is in reality its own Matriculation examination. The Protestant Committee sets the standard rather than the University.

Moreover the character of the examination papers is determined by the same committee indirectly. The Revising Committee of the School Leaving Board is charged with the duty of approving these papers, and may change them as they see fit. This Committee is composed mainly-indeed almost