

Matriculation Examination which all the Universities accept and no one contends that either the Department or the Universities lose any of their prestige by the arrangement or that the cause of education suffers thereby. Why could not some such arrangement be made between the Council and the Universities? Why could not the Council and the Universities combine and conduct a joint examination? The Council at present appoints its own examiners, some being chosen from among the University teachers and some from the profession outside the Colleges. Those examiners now appointed by the Council from among the University teachers are so appointed on the recommendation of the Universities. Would the Council be willing to increase the number of University teachers on the examining Board? If so would the Universities be willing to accept this examination in lieu of one conducted by themselves and to grant their degrees to those who successfully passed such an examination? If these two concessions were made, the one by the Council—the other by the Universities, a student who wished to secure both his University degree and his Provincial License could do so by undergoing but one examination. Would either the Council, the Universities or the public suffer by some such arrangement as we have suggested? We think not. The student would gain. With something to gain and apparently nothing to lose why should not some arrangement of this nature be tried? We respectfully submit this matter to the Council and the Universities for their careful consideration, feeling confident that both will act for what they consider best in the interest of education and the public.

But some one will say many students go up for their degrees who do not wish to take the license of the Council. True. At present many students do not pass the matriculation conducted by the Education Department but take instead the matriculation examination of the University they propose attending. Just so with those students who do not intend to take the license of the Council. They would have to be examined independently by their respective Universities and be granted their degrees if successful. Such students would be in exactly the same position as they are in now. They would obtain their degrees but not their licenses. They would neither gain nor lose by the arrangement