

Each student, when he arrives at the University for registration, is allotted to a chosen member of the teaching staff, who is known as his adviser, because he gives him advice as to the group of subjects that it would be best for him to take in his first year, and in other matters. During the student's first session his adviser keeps a friendly eye on him, and the student will often return to his adviser for counsel in his later years. As a rule, no adviser has more than ten advisees, and usually has less.

Our sessions last from October to April inclusive, because of economic conditions in Canada. It is to leave the students free in the summer-time to undertake farming and other work. As a consequence of this, we ask a good deal of work from the students during the Session. Each subject usually carries three periods of one hour each per week for instructional work; and for every hour in the class-room the student is expected to put in two of private study.

Now, as to the subjects: there are certain ones, which we regard of chief importance. They are:

English,  
Accountancy,  
A Language,  
(Every student must take three  
years in at least one language)  
Economics.

We think it of primary importance that they should know how to express themselves properly in their own language, whether they are writing or speaking. We wish them to be able to make clear, concise statements; to use language that will convey quickly to the recipient the messages they wish; to use correct words, and to preserve the value of words, and so on; and always to remember that their first consideration must be for their readers or listeners.

We think it wise to teach them what we may call standard English. From a commercial standpoint it is a very useful language, and is particularly useful in Oriental Trade, quite apart from its general use elsewhere throughout the World. To effect this we prescribe readings of the great writers in English from Chaucer to Kipling and others of the present day. We think that a man, who has studied the style of the Bible, and who has absorbed something of the styles of writers such as John Bunyan, Addison, and Stevenson, will naturally write a good, clear business letter, that will be understood, wherever English is understood. Our students write literary compositions, and they also write reports on economic subjects. We think that this course will make them not only more efficient in Commerce, but also will open for them the vast domains of that magnificent English literature which is our common heritage.

Accountancy, we regard as a very important subject. We think that every business-man should have a working knowledge of book-keeping, so that he may not be entirely in the hands of his book-keepers, and so that he may see what lies behind his periodical financial statements. He should know and understand the main principles of Accountancy, so that he may be able to understand and criticize financial statements, and balance sheets, and reports; and so that he may know to avoid unsound finance. The Canadian Bankruptcy Act specially penalizes the bankrupt who has failed in any way in his Accountancy. Most bankruptcies could have been