

In the British schools there are apparently two certificates:

Our Pass Matriculation is generally a little better than the first school certificate in Great Britain, but those going on to universities there generally take what is called the second school certificate, which is the first plus certain credits. This examination is usually taken about a year and a half after the first school certificate. It is now becoming necessary for students going on to honour work in the universities to have the second school certificate. The opinion of the meeting was that we do not want to ask for any radical change in the Junior Matriculation standards, though it is recognized that certain weaknesses exist and should be remedied. For instance, it is thought that the teaching of Latin and Mathematics is, in some respects, weak.

The Committee felt that in addition to Pass Matriculation there should be an Honour Matriculation. This will follow if the 12th grade is established in the schools. This means that senior matriculation will be done away with and students will not be allowed to take senior matriculation and then enter second year in Arts

It was understood that the Secretary of the Protestant Board would advise the establishment of a 12th grade.

Students would not be allowed to enter this 12th grade until they had completed the school leaving or pass matriculation examinations. The content of the 12th grade would have to be set up, and I have asked Dean MacKay to associate with himself such advisers as he wishes to draw up what would be acceptable to the University as to the content and standard of this 12th grade. It is understood that it would consist of two divisions:

1. Made up of those definitely going on to the
2. University, and the other of those who would leave school on its completion.

The Pass course at the University would be continued. Students coming in with honour matriculation standard would enter the honour division of the Arts Course and continue for their four years. If they were unable to keep up with the honour work they would be put down in the pass division. That is, a student who missed completing his tests successfully in the honour division at the end of the first year, might be allowed to go on with the pass work in the second year. Of course, if he failed completely, this privilege could not be granted him, and his case would have to be dealt with on its merits.