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MR. CHANCELLOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—

To the following address I must premise the statement that any opinions therein expressed are not to be taken as necessarily the sentiments of this University, as in the most of cases I do not know what the views of my colleagues are upon the questions dealt with.

LAST spring, while preparing our Calendar of the present session, we learned that Toronto University had entered into an arrangement with the Education Department to have its matriculation examinations conducted at the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes throughout the Province, in conjunction with the Departmental School Examinations. This arrangement meant that the matriculation papers of Toronto were to be distributed to upwards of a hundred local centres, if candidates presented themselves at so many. It meant, in fact, that wherever there was a candidate an examination would be held for his benefit, so that none could say that he chose some other university

because it offered greater facilities for coming to the matriculation examination. How this arrangement would affect the number of candidates appearing for matriculation at the other universities was at the time a mere conjecture, and why the Department entered into this arrangement with Toronto University alone, without at least proposing it to the others, was, and is still, a conjecture. However, the three other universities in the Province—Queen's, Trinity and Victoria—thought it proper to enquire of the Minister of Education if he was willing to extend the same privilege to them, that is to admit their matriculation papers at the High School examinations. He not only gave a ready consent, but was pleased to have the other universities take advantage of this privilege at first extended to Toronto.

Hence it came about that the matriculation papers for Queen's, as also for the other universities of the Province, were sent through the Education