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IN this number we present to the readers of the JOURNAL more solid reading than has been our wont. Examinations are going on, and we have not much time to spend on light matters. We don't make this observation apologetically; far from it, but merely to explain that nothing has befallen us, and that the paper is only influenced by that sobriety which characterizes every College at this season of the year. The rebound to cheerfulness, which will be noticeable in our next will probably be startling.

THE new conditions for the Degree of M.A. and the curriculum for the new Degree of D.Sc. appear to give general satisfaction in the College. For M.A., it is required that first-class honours be taken in two subjects, and a satisfactory essay on some topic in connection therewith be composed. The degree cannot be taken until one year after graduation. The degree of Doctor of Science may be obtained two years after graduation as Master. The candidate must take first-class honours in one of several groups, com-

prising seven or eight subjects each, and must compose three "lectures" relating to what he has studied; these lectures he will deliver the year following graduation, to the students in the department to which the lectures belong.

The object aimed at in creating these degrees manifestly is to induce a post graduate course of study. But that such a result will be ensured by the curriculum as it now stands, is rather doubtful. For this reason: that it is not a proviso that the honours be taken *after* graduation. Now a student of ability and industry is able to take honours in several subjects during his under-graduate course, and therefore the necessity of a post-graduate course is almost done away with. Especially is this the case in regard to the degree of Master. One of the two groups required for the old degree of B.Sc., comprised quite as many subjects as that of the corresponding group required for D.Sc. and we know that the degree of B.Sc. was always obtained during the undergraduate course; and what has been done might be done again. In this case all that the candidate would need to do, would be to write his essays, wait three or four years and make application for the degree.

It is rumoured that next session the honour work will be greatly increased in all departments, so that it will be impossible to comply with the conditions, during the undergraduate course, and a post-graduate course will thus be necessitated. This would be a good move. But either that must be done, or a provision made that honours necessary for the degrees must be taken *after* graduation as bachelor, if the aim of the conditions is to be effected.