

laid down for B.Sc. (Arts) candidates are debarred from selecting more than three out of their six courses from the science division. Free options are allowed in all other cases (except as far as regards the selecting of at least one subject from the science division), subject to approval by the faculty, or the advisory committee of the faculty.

—TORONTO University is moving in the direction of reform and unification of work. The weaker departments of philosophy, chemistry, constitutional history, geology, mineralogy, etc., are to be strengthened. The system of affiliation is to be still further carried out. Science and Law are to be brought into closer contact, as well as the theological colleges. The theological colleges will adopt a common staff for their common subjects.

—SCHOOL gardens have been introduced at Upper Canard, Nova Scotia, for the purpose of leading pupils to observe, to experiment, and to draw logical conclusions from their own work. Mr. Percy J. Shaw in the *Educational Review* states that the "pupils kept a record of the time of planting their seeds, the time taken to appear above ground, and the rate of growth afterwards. A record of the rainfall was kept, and the effect of heat and moisture on the growth of the plants was observed. The plants were studied from time to time, drawings made, and their exact size and development noted at certain periods from the time of planting. The cultivated plant was carefully compared with weeds studied and with wild flowers. No vegetables were introduced. Plants usually started in the hot-house were tried by planting the seeds in the open ground. Tomatoes gave good results in this way. The fertility of soils taken from different depths was tested, and differences in plants growing in these soils were observed and accounted for.

Many of the insects studied under the head of Nature work came from the garden. Toads were brought by the pupils and their habits observed. In one corner of the garden a tub was sunk, filled with water and used as an aquarium in which were grown polywogs and frogs."

—HARVARD University has invited one thousand native Cuban teachers to attend its next Summer session free of all charges.

—FRANCE has adopted, in relation to all government