

Matriculation

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Dear Sir:-

I received your letter of February 19th pointing out the importance of the study of Geography in the University and drawing my attention to the fact that this subject, which was formerly one of the alternative Science subjects in the Matriculation Examination, was some years ago discontinued as Matriculation subject.

I believe this matter is to be brought before the Matriculation Board for consideration at a meeting in the near future.

I, of course, appreciate the importance of Geography and recognize that it is a subject which in many Universities receives a place in the Post Graduate Curriculum.

I think that one of the chief reasons why it was rejected as a Matriculation subject after having been accepted by the University for a number of years, was the fact that the Board who had charge of the selection of the text books for the Schools instead of selecting one good book, which could be used by all the Schools teaching Geography for Matriculation, allowed the use of three different text books, each of which treated the subject in an entirely different manner; so that the examining papers having to be set on the common content of these three books, made it impossible for the Examiners to set more than a paper of the most elementary type, which reduced the standard of the Geography examination far below that which should have been exacted.