

be acceptable to all. We have always felt that the matriculation examination might well be raised. As the Committee later on recommends that diseases of the eye and ear be a compulsory part of the course, would it not be well to include in the matriculation the elements of optics and acoustics? The Committee has included in the matriculation, elementary chemistry. Why not go a step farther and make the chemistry required for matriculation equivalent to what is now required on this subject during the first year of the student's professional studies? In this way the time required for purely theoretical work during the course would be reduced and thus more time could be devoted to practical work.

The standard for passing recommended by the Committee viz. 50%, is none too high and ought to be accepted by all.

It is recommended that a degree in Arts from any University in Her Majesty's Dominions be excepted in lieu of the matriculation. With this all will agree. The matriculation examination of the same universities, however, it is proposed shall not be accepted. Why? If the matriculation examination of any of these universities does not include the subjects recommended by the Committee well and good. Such examination ought not to be accepted. But why not accept these examinations in so far as they are the same, or perhaps even of a higher standard than that recommended? Were this done, then a candidate for matriculation in medicine would be required to pass an examination only upon those subjects upon which he had not been required to pass for his Arts matriculation. Surely this is reasonable, and in no way would impair the standard of matriculation set up by the Committee.

One point more regarding this matriculation. By whom is this examination to be held? By the Councils of the various Provinces, we infer. What guarantee is there that the examination would be of a uniform standard? The subjects of examination, it is true, would be the same in all cases, but, as everyone knows, one set of examiners could give a very easy examination, and another set a very difficult one. If then, we are to accept the matriculation examination as conducted by half a dozen differ-