

Science, however, does not accept for admission all students who held the usual certificates. For example, students who make uniformly low marks in all their subjects or who take their examinations piecemeal over a period covering more than a year are not now admitted. In March 1927 Faculty adopted the policy of selecting its own students for admission, or perhaps we should say of refusing admittance to candidates whose claims or requirements were not satisfactory. It is impossible, however, to say exactly how many candidates are refused admission annually since many applications are made in the form of enquiries and it is impossible to estimate how many would apply if the doors were wide open as in former years. The number of students, however, offering the usual Matriculation Certificate who were not admitted last year was about 150 and this number is normal for the last four years. The practice of refusing admission to students who have failed in one matriculation subject, referred to previously in this report, and the practice of refusing admission to students whose qualifications are not satisfactory has undoubtedly raised the requirements for admission substantially.

The preparation of students for matriculation to the University is an obligation which rests upon the schools and the home and the University, therefore, can do very little to improve the quality of its matriculation candidates without the fullest sympathy and help of the schools of the Province. This subject, i.e., close co-operation between the schools of the Province and the University, is perhaps the most important subject which this Committee considered in its deliberation.

The proposal to form a Twelfth Grade in some of the high schools of the Province was welcomed by the members of the Committee. It need scarcely be pointed out, however, that nearly everything depends upon the students in the schools who are allowed to proceed into this higher grade of work. If the proposed Twelfth Grade is intended for lame or slow students it will not be of any advantage to this University, but if it provides adequate opportunities for the preparation of capital students who might enter the University by an honour matriculation examination it will be of the very greatest advantage in every way. In order, therefore, to meet this proposal, the Committee recommends that an Honour Matriculation Examination be instituted by the University, and that the present Senior Matriculation be discontinued.