

one whose fitness has not been passed upon by competent authority. No one objects to the admission of non-matriculated students under proper restrictions as to their preparation for the classes they elect. There is no cast-iron rule in the case of the High School entrance. There need be none in the case of University matriculation.

Trinity and McMaster Universities also admit non-matriculated students, but correspondence with their authorities authorizes me to state that such students are admitted only under restrictions in the matter of scholarship. The number of such students in attendance is, however, considerable: I have the particulars, but it is unnecessary for me to use them at present. In Queen's University, Kingston—and I deal especially with Queen's, for she is the only serious rival of the Provincial University—in Queen's, also, the Arts classes are open to non-matriculated students, but under what appear to be strict limitations. From correspondence with the Registrar, I learn that the number of non-matriculated students in Queen's has always been small, consisting mainly of students from the city of Kingston who take a class or two. According to his statement, of a total attendance of 494 in Arts, during the present session, only nine are non-matriculated students proceeding to a degree. It will not be amiss, either, for me to state here, as having an important bearing on the question at issue, that I have a formal assurance from the Senate of Queen's that it is prepared to support any reasonable scheme for raising the matriculation standard in this Province.

It appears, therefore, that the Universities of Ontario all admit non-matriculated students, but all with definite restrictions as to scholarship except University and Victoria Colleges, the Arts Colleges of the Provincial University. To be admitted here, all the student apparently needs to do is to pay his fees.

#### *Inadequacy of Undergraduate Courses.*

A word now as to the University undergraduate courses. The good men our schools get from the Ontario Universities are very good indeed; but the lower grades of honor men leave something to be desired. What is really most at fault here, as, indeed, elsewhere, is the matriculation standard. Besides, one of the commonest complaints from our older High School principals who, through stress of circumstances, have themselves become good general scholars, is the narrowness of the culture of many of the specialists