

The result, therefore, is that the Faculty of Arts has during these years really undertaken a very heavy burden of work in the interests of the whole University. All students proceeding to the professional or technical faculties are now carefully trained and selected before proceeding to their professional studies and this obviously means a heavy weight of work for this Faculty and corresponding advantages to the University. The Committee need not emphasize the cardinal importance of this preliminary or propaedeutic work. It is an axiom in education that almost everything depends upon the student's preliminary training before he proceeds into the professions. It is obvious, indeed, that by the time the student has come through the high school and his years of preliminary work in the University, his habits and methods of study and work have become so fixed that he is not likely to change them in later years.

#### The Admission of Students

Until 1929 the admission of all students to the University was directed by the Matriculation Board, a body appointed by the University Corporation. Since, however, virtually all students now admitted to the University enter through the Faculty of Arts and Science, this Faculty during last year created an Admissions Committee of its own. This Committee now fixes all rules and requirements for admission to the Colleges. The conduct and supervision of all Matriculation Examinations still remain under the direction of the Matriculation Board.

The University holds a regular matriculation examination in June and September of each year for candidates coming from private schools and for all others who may wish to sit for these examinations. The results of the School Leaving Examinations for the Province of Quebec and all other certificates usually admitting to recognized universities in the other provinces of Canada are accepted as a basis for admission into the Faculty of Arts and Science. Last year, that is in the autumn of 1930, 71 students were admitted into the first year by Matriculation, 163 by School Leaving Certificates from the Province of Quebec and 65 by other certificates. The Faculty of Arts and