

ordinated form. In some subjects the last of the five examinations will be oral or practical. All five will be "departmental" papers. That is, they will be conducted by the major department as a whole, and each read by at least two examiners. In the minor and general subjects students will be examined as at present by the lecturer at the end of each lecture-course.

Principal Fyfe's recent statement on the new prescription of courses summed up the section on examinations and standards thus: "A candidate for Honours will be judged partly on the work that he has done during each session and partly on his capacity to use his own power of analysis and synthesis, to carry knowledge in his memory and upon demand to give it expression in lucid and vigorous English. A high demand, perhaps, but not too high for a worthy standard of Honours."

The new course will normally cover five years from pass matriculation or four years from honour matriculation. Much importance is attached, however, to features which make it possible for a student of "exceptional ability and industry" to complete the course in four years from pass matriculation. To do so he must spend part of the summer vacation in reading and research, and to encourage this practice, September examinations will be offered in two of the three "directed reading" courses. Only the best students will be permitted to proceed beyond the second year on a four-year plan.

An attempt to exclude the poorest students may be seen in new regulations which refuse any allowance towards a degree to candidates entering the University with honour matriculation in fewer than four subjects. Such students have usually tried examinations in five subjects and failed in several, and the University records show them to be of low calibre.

Students well on towards an Honours degree under the former regulations will be unaffected by the new prescription. Whether or not all aspirants for Honours now registered will continue as at present has not been definitely decided, however.

## A ROUND-THE-WORLD QUEEN'S NIGHT

SEVERAL months ago an interested alumnus, E. T. Sterne, Science '13, of Brantford, put forward the suggestion that the General Alumni Association establish an annual Round-the-World Queen's Night. Such nights are a definite feature of the alumni programme of many of the larger universities on this continent and in England, where it is believed that they have an excellent effect on alumni *esprit de corps*.



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The matter was given consideration by the Directors of the Alumni Association and was endorsed in principle, but it was not possible to go further than that until additional information could be secured and a more detailed plan formulated. It was evident that to assure the success of such a scheme a large measure of co-operation among the alumni would be essential. In order to lay the foundation for this and possibly bring forth some further constructive suggestions, the *Review* is presenting an outline of the project and some of the problems involved.

In brief, the proposal is that concurrent gatherings of Queen's people be held on a certain night each year throughout the world—not only at those centres in which there are established Alumni branches, but at all places, near or far, where a group of Queen's people might find it possible to forgather. Without interfering in any way with other meetings held by the branches during the year, the