

SUMMARY OF THE REPORTS OF THE ARTS DIVISION
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

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CONTINUITY OF STUDIES

Graduate Courses are logically a continuation of the work pursued in undergraduate years; and this in turn depends in most subjects largely on school training.

There are several subjects, e.g. German and Greek, in which the inadequacy of school training is so serious that it is very difficult to secure a supply of Honours undergraduates: and these alone can proceed to higher degrees. German in fact is not even one of the subjects prescribed for Teachers' Certificates in this province.

Other Departments also complain of the weakness of student material, the Dept. of Philosophy in particular noting the poor equipment of students in general knowledge, and the Dept. of Oriental Languages insisting that general slovenliness of thought should be counteracted by a compulsory undergraduate course in Logic in all Departments. The Honour Student, according to the Dept. of Philosophy, seldom learns to correlate his knowledge in his special field with the other studies which he pursues, and even fails to obtain a comprehensive view of his own subject. This difficulty, the same Dept. suggests, might be overcome by a comprehensive examination on the whole of the last two years' work in Honours undergraduate study. Numerous searching essay topics might also be assigned to students during these two years.

GRADUATE STUDIES

In no one of the Departments under survey has a Ph.D. degree been granted, and in two only, Economics and Psychology, are courses leading to the Ph.D. degree offered. The reasons for this are various. Some Departments, History and Classics for example, are opposed to the degree in their particular subjects as a weak imitation of mistaken American practice, realising that, while the degree is a commercial asset, it is not necessarily a guarantee of real scholarship. But most departments do not feel themselves in a position to offer courses for the degree, owing either to numerical inadequacy of staff, or to insufficiency of library equipment, or to both causes. The needs of all the departments, with the single exception of that of Oriental Languages, which has but few requests for Graduate courses, may be expressed in the one word, MONEY.