

## RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS.

Having given the most careful consideration to the various educational interests placed under your charge and being fully convinced of the importance to the future success of these interests, of wise, definite and prompt action, at the present time, I deem it my duty to submit for your favorable consideration and action recommendations and suggestions touching all of these interests.

RECOMMENDATION I.—That the courses of instruction for the Arts Department and for Toronto Baptist College, as a department of the University, given on pages eight to eleven of this report, be adopted and come into effect at the beginning of the College year of 1889-90.

In considering this recommendation the following should be noted :

(a) The course proposed for Bachelor of Theology is to be followed by an advanced course of two years for the Degree of Master of Theology, and an additional course of two years for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy. In the advanced course for Master of Theology, students will be required to pursue special and original lines of investigation under the direction of the Professors in Exegetical Theology, Historical Theology, Dogmatic Theology, and Practical Theology. The course proposed for Bachelor of Arts is also to be followed by advanced courses for the degrees of Master of Arts, Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Laws.

(b) Students entering upon any one of these advanced courses will be required to give clear and satisfactory evidence that they have acquired such mental discipline as will enable them to undertake with advantage the work of independent and original investigation. Men who have not completed an Arts or Theological Course will be admitted into any of these advanced courses, but the Degree of Master or Doctor will not be conferred upon any but such as have proceeded regularly to the Degree of Bachelor.

(c) On the subjects prescribed for each of these advanced courses short courses of lectures will be delivered which will serve to place before the students in a clear and forcible manner the best methods of conducting the investigations undertaken, the points which should receive special attention, the aids which should be called into requisition, and the proper conditions and necessary limits of the lines of investigation pursued.

(d) The number of lectures on any one subject of the proposed advanced courses is not to exceed twenty, hence all the lectures on the subjects of any one year of any of these courses will be delivered in not to ex-

ceed seven weeks. The students pursuing these advanced courses, will therefore only require to be in residence in the University seven weeks each year, making it possible for men who may have entered upon the active duties of life to continue their studies for one of the higher degrees.

(e) The lectures upon the subjects of the proposed advanced courses are to be delivered by the Professors who lecture upon the subjects of the under-graduate courses. That this should be done is necessary, not chiefly for the sake of economy, but to secure efficient work in the lower courses. Any professor who lectures from year to year upon the same subjects in an undergraduate course, and who fails to continue his own investigations even far beyond the limits of the proposed advanced courses, will soon become inefficient and powerless in moulding the life and character of the students to whom he lectures in these undergraduate courses. The preparation and delivery of a course of from fifteen to twenty lectures each year on some advanced branch of the subjects daily discussed in giving instructions in the under-graduate courses is necessary upon the part of every professor who will keep himself in effective relation to his work and to his pupils.

RECOMMENDATION II. — That during the College Year of 1889-90, lectures be delivered only upon the first year of each of the courses proposed, together with such additional theological subjects as may be necessary to enable students who are now in the College to complete the courses on which they have entered; during 1890-91, only upon the first and second years, with necessary additional theological subjects; during 1891-92, only upon the first, second and third years; and during 1892-93 and onwards, upon all of the subjects of each of the courses proposed.

In considering this recommendation the following points should be noted :

(a) The total number of lectures per week required to carry into effect this recommendation will be as follows : For the College Year of 1889-90, fifty-eight; for 1890-91, seventy; for 1891-92, seventy-seven; and for 1892-93 and onwards, one hundred and twenty-eight.

(b) The number of professors required to carry into effect this recommendation depends, first, upon the range of subjects each professor is competent to undertake, and second, upon the number of lectures he is required to deliver each week. Assuming, however, the competency of the professors to undertake the subjects and that each professor deliver an average of twelve lectures per week, it is evident from the statement made in (a), that seven professors will be able

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