

is to be hoped that in the interests of secondary education in our province, the University authorities will raise no objection to a definitely fixed matriculation examination for all students entering the colleges within their jurisdiction.

In the last number of the RECORD, the re-arranged syllabus of the examination of candidates for Teachers' Diplomas was published in full. At the late Convention it was proposed to assimilate this examination also with the course of study. The syllabus, as it stands, has not met with an unanimous approval by the members of the Committee, as may be seen from the minutes of the proceedings of the Protestant Committee during its late session. The minority of dissent, it is true, is a minority of one; and the teachers who may be inclined to look merely upon the number of items enumerated in the syllabus, without enquiring carefully into the relationship between these items, may possibly be induced to join, for the moment, the minority of dissent, and maintain that the syllabus is too elaborate. On careful examination, however, any one will see that the committee has acted wisely in enunciating, item by item, the subjects to be studied by the candidates, and we are assured that the candidates themselves will feel grateful towards the Committee for marking out the work they have to undertake so concisely and so minutely. There is very little more demanded of the candidate than what has been demanded heretofore: the only difference being that the directions to those preparing for the examinations are more explicit, and more minutely enunciated.

During the session of Section B. of the Convention, we are pleased to notice, there were discussed some important questions in connection with the Teachers' Institutes, conducted during the summer months by the teachers of the McGill Normal School and others. These Institutes have been instrumental in promoting among the teachers of the province of Quebec, a professional pride and interest which is worthy of every encouragement. When the arrangements for holding Institutes next year are completed, we trust that the Ottawa District will not be overlooked, and that the RECORD will be in a position next July to report that one of the most successful Institutes of the season was held at Aylmer, under the local supervision of Inspector McGrath and the School Commissioners of that town. The latter have suc-