

Scholarships in the Faculty of Arts and Science

Our scholarships in this Faculty are in a very miscellaneous, ragged and meaningless condition at present. Most of these scholarships date from thirty years ago when the purchasing value of money was very much higher than it is at present. The Beatty Scholarships awarded at matriculation are really the only scholarships which the Faculty has at present which encourage serious competition. Several other scholarships are awarded at matriculation but they are only for small amounts ranging from \$75.00 to \$150.00, for one year. Only three scholarships, the Jane Redpath Scholarship with a value of \$115.00, the Barbara Scott Scholarship with a value of \$115.00 and the Sir William Dawson Scholarship with a value of \$60.00, are awarded at the end of the first year to a freshman class of nearly four hundred competitors. Six scholarships of an aggregate value of \$750.00 are awarded at the beginning of the second year and ten scholarships of the aggregate value of \$2355.00 at the beginning of the third year. These scholarships, however, offer very little clear outstanding distinction because they are awarded for so many local, technical and miscellaneous reasons. In some cases the terms of the original endowment are fixed and in others there are always old rules or departmental claims standing in the way. Some of these scholarships, too, are wholly charitable and scholarships should not be awarded for charitable considerations. Scholarships are awarded for scholarship. The proper way to aid deserving charitable cases is through an aid or loan fund for that purpose.

It is necessary, therefore, to find some principle upon which all scholarships funds should be administered and the Committee suggests the following principle. All scholarships should be so arranged that a certain number of successful students may be able to pay a substantial part of their college expenses by earning scholarships from year to year throughout their course at the University. The Committee, therefore, recommends that the present arrangement of scholarships in the Faculty be discontinued and that the amounts of all scholarships now awarded