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Dear Sir Arthur:-

May I confirm my reasons for suggesting our again admitting a graduate to qualify extramurally for a Master degree?

At one time, Master of Engineering (Ma.E.) or Master of Applied Science (M.A.Sc.) was granted to a Bachelor of Science either by a post graduate course, or, after two years standing, to a graduate who presented an acceptable thesis and passed a special examination. The engineering degree was given for general engineering work, and the Applied Science degree for work more along Pure Science lines. The latter extramural qualification was withdrawn later. Under graduate school conditions of today, the M.Sc. and M.ENG. degrees are graduate school degrees. My suggestion, therefore, is to reinstate the original extramural qualification by permitting Bachelors of Science (McGill) to qualify for the M.A.Sc. degree by approved thesis on their own specialty, and examination as laid down. Many advantages would accrue, both to the University and our graduates; and I can think of no very serious disadvantages.

(1) - Extramural qualification is already recognized and practiced by our permitting graduates to qualify for the doctorship (D.Sc.). If a graduate can so attain the senior degree, surely he can attain the junior (Master degree). The graduate school would keep the degree standard to a high level by their own standard of thesis and examination.