

ADDENDUM TO PREVIOUS REPORTS
ON THE
DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY.

Every year letters are received from graduates of other Universities, applying for positions to enable them to continue their studies in order to qualify for the M.Sc. degree at McGill. These applications are often accompanied by strong recommendations from the respective professors. There has been some uncertainty in regard to the manner of dealing with such requests; and as they occur regularly, it would be an advantage to have some general ruling in the matter, upon which one could rest, and to which the applicants could be referred.

Graduate students who evince an inclination for persevering in research should presumably be encouraged; and when their capabilities are vouched for by responsible authorities, there should either be a recognized way of admitting them into the University or a definite regulation stating the conditions under which assistance could be given to needy students. The difficulty might be met in part by the establishment of a loan fund or bursaries for deserving creditable students.

With reference to the question as to whether students should take all their honour work in the same department, the procedure would probably have to be governed by individual circumstances. It is conceivable that in some cases it might be advisable that they should do so.

Among the principal advantages to be derived from the study of zoology, the following may be mentioned. It serves as an introduction to the study of anatomy, physiology, and palaeontology. It affords