

In Cambridge the examinations are conducted by a board of examiners and the Registrar's office is relieved of any work in this connection, but this Board acts on information received from the Registrar's office as to the candidates for examination. I am not sure whether the results are sent in to this Board and the lists prepared by them for degrees or whether all this is reported to the Registrar. This is a point that I forgot to speak about. In Glasgow and Edinburgh, however, all is done in the Registrar's office. In conclusion may I say that centralization, as I gathered from the Registrars whom I met, is also the rule at all the newer universities in England.

In McGill all this examination business is attended to in the offices of the several Deans, where the original records are kept. These originals are copied in the Registrar's office generally seven or eight months after the examinations are over. In most cases they are not available any earlier.

This question was, as you know, pretty thoroughly discussed three or four years ago and owing to the determined attitude of one or two of the Deans it was decided to continue along the old lines. I am only mentioning it again because it comes up as a result of my observations. In all the Universities that I know of, and that means every Canadian, about a dozen American, and the principal British, there are only two where the administrative work is not centralized and where the Registrar's office is not one of original record. I am not, however, raising the question again. As a matter of fact under the present system the Registrar's office is relieved of a great deal of work and responsibility, but nevertheless it is not business. 710

Courses for Degrees in Arts.

(1) Length of Course.

In all the universities visited the first degree (B.A. in Oxford and Cambridge and M.A. in Edinburgh and Glasgow) can be obtained in three years of three terms each, running from about October first to June twentieth. Our course of four sessions of eight months each is considerably longer and less broken by holidays. Moreover, their vacations are longer than ours, more particularly at Easter. The only change in this respect that we might (and I think should) make is to allow Easter Monday as a holiday as well as Good Friday and the following Saturday.

(2) Number of Subjects Required.

In Oxford and Cambridge candidates for an ordinary degree, ^{take} six subjects, three called principal subjects, the work in each of which extends over ~~3~~ years, and three subsidiary subjects extending over one term, which means that in any one year a student would be taking only four subjects at a time.

In Glasgow and Edinburgh a student is required to take only five subjects for his degree., two of which must be studied for two years and the others for one. Of course more work is done in each of the subjects than is called for in McGill. The time devoted to some of the principal subjects will indicate how much more ground is covered; for instance, four