Glasgow. The college retains its autonomy in all matters relating to its internal affairs—finance, appointment of staff, and so on—but it has no representation in the Court of the University. An advisory committee has been set up, consisting of members of the University Court and representatives of the college, which will consider all matters affecting their joint interests. A joint board of studies in the faculty of applied science is provided, and will consider all matters relating to the subjects and standard of the several courses. The degree examinations will be conducted by a board of examiners representative of both institutions, with external examiners appointed by the University Court. Students will be free to attend the classes constituting the courses of study in either the University or the college, or in both, the fees being the same. The combination and coordination of the resources of the University with those of the college should be to the advantage of both. The University of Edinburgh, too, has recognised the day classes of the college as qualifying for its degree of bachelor of science under certain regulations.

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