

C. REPORT OF THE VICTORIA COLLEGE, 1914.

(The Victoria College Act, 1897.)

Visitor.—The Hon. the Minister of Education.*Members of Council.*

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*Staff.**Professors.*—Classics—J. Rankine Brown, M.A. English Language and Literature—H. Mackenzie, M.A. Modern Languages—G. W. von Zedlitz, M.A. Chemistry—T. H. Easterfield, M.A., Ph.D. Mathematics and Mathematical Physics—D. K. Picken, M.A. Biology—H. B. Kirk, M.A. Physics—T. H. Laby, M.A. Law—J. Adamson, M.A., LL.B., Dean of the Faculty; J. M. E. Garrow, B.A., LL.B. (English and New Zealand Law). Mental and Moral Philosophy—T. A. Hunter, M.A., M.Sc.

Lecturers, five. Assistants, nine. Demonstrators, three.

Registrar.—E. T. Norris, M.A.

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The VICTORIA COLLEGE COUNCIL to the MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Victoria College, 21st June, 1915.

In pursuance of section 44 of the Victoria College Act, 1905, the Council presents the following report for the year 1914 :—

Number of Students.—The number of students attending lectures during the year was 377, made up as follows: Matriculated students—Males, 214; females, 111: total, 384. Non-matriculated students—Males, 29; females, 23: total, 52. In addition to these there were 67 exempted students, making a total of 444 students attached to the College. Of the 376 students attending, 310, or 82.5 per cent., were evening students. Between 150 and 200 past and present men have gone in the Expeditionary Forces, and the numbers attending classes have suffered from this cause.*University Examination Results.*—Fifteen students of the College gained the degree of Master of Arts, 10 with honours, of whom 3 gained first-class; 1 gained the degree of Master of Science, with first-class honours; 4 gained the degree of Master of Laws, 2 with honours; 17 gained the degree of Bachelor of Arts; 17 passed the first section of that degree; 3 gained the degree of Bachelor of Science, 3 passed the first section of that degree; 9 gained the degree of Bachelor of Laws, 18 passed sections of that degree; 3 passed sections of the degree of Bachelor of Commerce; 2 gained Senior Scholarships, one in German and one in physical science (heat). Other scholarships have been awarded as follows: New Zealand Research Scholarship, Elizabeth M. Pigott, M.A.; Sir George Grey Scholarship, George Bruce Dall; Jacob Joseph Scholarships, W. Heine, M.A., Elizabeth M. Shirer, M.A.*Library.*—Accessions to the library during the year amounted to 923 volumes. The total number of volumes in the library at the end of March, 1914, was 10,284. Arrangements have been made with other libraries in the city whereby a system of interchange has been adopted and the reduplication of books and periodicals prevented.*Tutorial Classes.*—The Council received from the Senate of the University a special grant of £300 to be devoted to tutorial classes in connection with the Workers' Educational Association. A class in economics under a well-qualified tutor has been inaugurated, and the Council hopes to have others established immediately.*Buildings and Equipment.*—The Council recognizes that the representations of the Professorial Board as to the inadequacy of the building is justified, and that these ought in the immediate future to be enlarged considerably. The greatest number of classes is held between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., during which period the pressure is extreme.

In view of the large number of our students who enlisted on the outbreak of the war and of the consequent reduction of the Council's revenue from fees, the Council deemed it prudent to curtail its expenditure on material and equipment, with the result that expenditure in these directions may have to be increased in the future.

The establishment of the School of Economics is still unrealized; but if the Council receives the gift which it expects for this purpose it will be able at once to establish this school, which it has for long felt to be a very much needed addition to the College.

CLEMENT WATSON, Chairman.