

to natural knowledge. There is much which I hope will be published by the writer." "If I might presume, I should congratulate the University of New Zealand on the sound work done in mental science." "These candidates showed outstanding merit. The performance of — was notable. His dissertation on the wheat-supply of New Zealand was a remarkable piece of work for a degree candidate." "All the work of a very high order. Knowledge very accurate. The thesis was admirably worked out in every respect." "None of the candidates failed and most passed brilliantly." Such remarks as these must be exceedingly pleasing to both the teachers and the students, as well as to all who take a keen interest in university education.

A change in the supervision of students' courses has somewhat recently been adopted, and is undoubtedly of great value to both professor and student, as the course of studies to be taken up during residence will now be more in accordance with the ability of the student, and by the encouragement of a "repeat" course will tend more to specialization. This is evident from the report of the Chairman of the Professorial Board. The establishment of the "Directors of Studies" seems to point to the establishment at no distant period of a Rector or Master of the College, a step that will be of great benefit to all concerned.

The Canterbury Branch of the Workers' Educational Association commenced its duties early in 1915, and continues to do good work. Tutorial classes have been held in economics and psychology, and are being well attended. Undoubtedly after the scheme has been working for a year or two some of those attending will desire to make a closer study of their subjects, and for that purpose will attend the lectures at the University College. This has been the result at Home, and it is to be hoped that similar results will follow the work of the association here. A contribution of £300 was made last year by this Board towards the cost of running the classes, the money being allotted for the purpose by the Senate of the University of New Zealand. A similar sum will be contributed during the current year. A joint committee from the Workers' Educational Association and the Board of Governors has been appointed, the College representatives being Professors Chilton and Hight and Mr. H. D. Acland.

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING.

As the average age of a student at the School of Engineering is somewhat higher than that of the ordinary undergraduate, it is natural that the effects of the war should be felt to a greater extent, and the more so as the training at such a school enables those who may be unable to enlist for active service to take up some special work. Such has been the case, and consequently the attendance has fallen considerably. Many of those enlisted have obtained commissions—some in the Engineers, some in Aviation Corps, while others have found employment in technical work in Australia and Britain. Another cause of lower attendance is that the ranks of the Public Works Department of Engineers have been similarly depleted by enlistments, and consequently the Department could not carry out the arrangement made before the war, by which a certain number were to take a course of instruction at the School of Engineering. Three only of such students, and these from the electrical engineering branch, were able to attend the first year's lectures.

In the early part of the year a letter was received from the Hon. A. M. Myers, Minister of Munitions, asking the assistance and co-operation of the Board of Governors and the scientific staff of Canterbury College with regard to the production of munitions and kindred work, and inquiring what material and appliances were available for such purposes. The Professorial Board thereupon set up a committee consisting of the Professors of Engineering, Chemistry, and Physics. This committee forwarded an exhaustive report on all material, &c., that was available, and both the Board and staff assured the Minister that every opportunity would be readily given to carry out any work that might be of use to the Government. At a meeting of representative engineers and manufacturers in Wellington the Professor in Charge of the School of Engineering was appointed Chairman of the Munitions Committee for New Zealand. The Board granted the use of the plant and buildings for the necessary experimental work, and this was carried on during the long vacation. It was found, however, that munitions could not be manufactured in sufficient quantities to make an appreciable difference in augmenting supplies without seriously interfering with the ordinary productions of the railway workshops for material absolutely necessary for the transport service of the Dominion, and it was recommended that all energies should be devoted to carrying on the various industries connected with the food-supply. Thus the experiments, which had been of no little value, were discontinued. It being decided to discontinue the manufacture of high-explosive shells, &c., the special appliances and gauges used in such manufacture were deposited in trust with the School of Engineering, provided great care was taken in the storage so that they would suffer no deterioration. These representing as they do examples of the highest class of workmanship in the Dominion will be of very great value in the technical education given in the School of Engineering.

In the University examinations two students obtained their degree B.E. (Civil), and two that of B.E. (Electrical), while one, three, and seven passed respectively the third, second, and first year's Professorial Examination, and five were successful in the Engineering Entrance Examination.

SCHOOL OF ART.

It is extremely encouraging to note that each year the attendance at the School of Art increases, as giving clear indication that the people of the city are recognizing more and more the educational value of the institution. Though very good work has always been done at the school, each year shows an advance, judging by the successes obtained and the reports on the work exhibited by those well able to judge.