

Among our alumni who are known to have gone to the front are : David M. Tomlinson, A.O.S.M., Lieutenant, Royal Scots ; E. Fletcher Roberts, A.M.I.C.E., Royal Ordinance Force ; G. A. C. Ulrich, A.O.S.M., Corporal, N.Z. Expeditionary Force ; Philip McDouall, A.O.S.M., Sergeant, N.Z. Expeditionary Force ; Otto A. Friedlander, A.O.S.M., Sergeant, N.Z. Expeditionary Force ; A. M. Finlayson, A.O.S.M., Lieutenant, Royal Scots ; Geoffrey W. E. Turner, A.O.S.M., Lieutenant, N.Z. Expeditionary Force ; A. Spencer, A.O.S.M., Sergeant, N.Z. Expeditionary Force ; Hugh R. Macdonald, A.O.S.M., Sergeant, N.Z. Field Engineers ; W. M. Durant, A.O.S.M., Lieutenant, Tunnelling Corps ; J. C. Neill, A.O.S.M., Lieutenant, Tunnelling Corps ; D. B. Waters, A.O.S.M., Captain, Tunnelling Corps ; George Dey, A.O.S.M., Captain, Australian Expeditionary Force ; Wyville Rutherford, A.O.S.M., Sergeant, N.Z. Expeditionary Corps ; Alexander Rutherford, A.O.S.M., Corporal, N.Z. Expeditionary Force ; Frank Hadfield Statham, A.O.S.M., Major, N.Z. Expeditionary Force ; W. P. Thompson, Sergeant, N.Z. Field Engineers ; Colin Campbell, A.O.S.M., Royal Flying Corps ; George Geoffrey Sale, A.O.S.M., Royal Flying Corps ; J. F. McPadden, A.O.S.M., Lieutenant, N.Z. Expeditionary Force ; A. C. Dansay, Captain, N.Z. Expeditionary Force ; Aubrey Horn, A.O.S.M., Royal Flying Corps ; W. A. Alexander, B.Sc., Sergeant, N.Z. Expeditionary Force.

Mr. Frank H. Statham, A.O.S.M., left New Zealand with the rank of Captain, and soon after reaching Gallipoli was promoted to the rank of Major. He proved himself a dashing and resourceful leader, and fell leading his men in the strenuous fighting which culminated in the great attack at Suvla Bay in August, 1915. To his parents, his wife, and family, the members of the mining faculty wish to extend their warmest sympathy.

Mr. W. A. Alexander was killed in action in the same engagement. He was a brilliant student, a distinguished footballer, and a man who always did his duty. Our deepest sympathy is offered his parents and relations.

*New appointments.*—Among the appointments secured by former students during 1915 are the following :—

Fred W. Thomas, A.O.S.M., Manager, Babylonia Silver-mines, Nicaragua.

W. H. Sargeant, A.O.S.M., County Engineer, Merriwa, N.S.W.

W. R. Frost, A.O.S.M., Assistant Engineer, N.Z. Public Works Department.

Aubrey Horn, A.O.S.M., Battery Superintendent, Dominion Exploration Company (Limited), Marlborough.

W. M. Durant, A.O.S.M., Assistant Engineer, Dunedin City Corporation.

J. H. Williamson, Director, School of Mines, Reefton.

J. McGregor Wilkie, A.O.S.M., Resident Engineer, Dunedin Harbour Board.

The number of our graduates occupying responsible positions as County, Harbour Board, and Public Works engineers is rapidly increasing.

JAMES PARK, Dean of Faculty.

Mr. U. B. INGLIS, A.O.S.M., Director of the Coromandel School of Mines, to the UNDER-SECRETARY OF MINES, Wellington.

SIR,—

Coromandel, 2nd March, 1916.

I have the honour to present my report on the work done at the Coromandel School of Mines for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

*Attendance.*—A total of twenty individual students attended the classes in thirteen subjects of instruction, the regular average being twelve students in the first term, thirteen in the second, and fourteen in the third term. One student, R. Lincoln, joined the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces, while another, L. Spellman, was placed in the Civil Service, and two or three others took positions as pupil-teachers in the public schools.

*Examinations.*—At the annual Government examinations eleven students sent in twenty-four sets of answers in the various subjects, and secured seven passes in practical examinations and sixteen passes in theoretical examinations, there being only one failure. The certificates gained comprised ten first-class, five second-class, and one third-class. The average number of marks awarded per paper was 62.6, which shows a considerable improvement in the quality of the work done.

*Assays.*—The number of ore-samples assayed and reported on during the year was 185, of which 155 were done for prospectors free of charge, and thirty for mining companies in the vicinity of Coromandel. Several analyses of soils, limestones, waters, and of supposed phosphate-rock were also made.

*General.*—The lighting of the school has been vastly improved by the installation of a new dynamo ; many interesting and valuable geological specimens have been added to our collection, and a number of new books have been obtained for the reference and lending library ; while some small additions have been made to the stock of electrical apparatus at the school.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members of the Council, and especially the President and the late Secretary (Sapper J. W. Barker, now at the front), for the great attention which they have given to school business during the year.

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U. B. INGLIS, A.O.S.M., Director.

Mr. J. LAMONT, Director of the Huntly School of Mines, to the UNDER-SECRETARY OF MINES, Wellington.

SIR,—

Huntly, 27th March, 1916.

I have the honour to present my report on the work done at the Huntly School of Mines during the year 1915.