

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PROFESSORIAL BOARD, VICTORIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, 1919-20 (ABRIDGED).

The Professorial Board begs to submit the annual report for the year 1919-20:—

Students and Classes.—The number of students in attendance at classes during the session was 535, of whom 302 were men and 233 were women, as against 371 the previous year, of whom 171 were men and 200 were women. There were thirty-one exempted students—twenty men and eleven women.

College Terms and Scholarships.—Under the new University regulations terms are now kept in individual subjects and not in years.

University Degrees and Scholarships.—In the examinations held in November, 1918, fifty-four students passed the first or intermediate section of their Bachelor's degree; thirty-six obtained their Bachelor's degree—in arts twenty-six, in science four, and in law six; and twelve students (of whom eleven gained honours) obtained their Master's degree. Three Junior University Scholars, two Senior National Scholars, two Taranaki Scholars, and thirty Bursars commenced their studies at the College. Three Senior University Scholarships—the John Tinline Scholarship and the Travelling Scholarship in Arts—were awarded to students of the College. In the examinations held in November, 1919, 121 students passed the first or intermediate section of their Bachelor's degree; forty-nine students obtained their Bachelor's degree—in arts twenty-eight, in science ten, in law eleven, and eleven students (of whom six gained honours) obtained their Master's degree. Three Senior Scholarships were awarded to students of the College.

The Work of the College.—Owing to the very large increase in the number of students this session, great congestion has been experienced in many of the class-rooms. Relief will be afforded when the new north wing is completed, which will provide some additional class rooms, but as no provision has been made as yet for an extension of the science buildings, the congestion in the science laboratories is acute. This is especially the case in the Physics Department, which has never been adequately provided. Having to share a lecture-room and preparation-room with the Chemistry Department, and having a laboratory space of only 1,200 square feet, its activities are greatly handicapped.

The Modern Languages Department has continued under the direction of two temporary lecturers; the vacancy in the Chair has now been filled by the appointment of Mr. E. J. Wilson, M.A., B.Sc., University of Western Australia, who will take up his duties in 1920. Professor Marsden returned from the front in June, and Dr. Clark—who had ably discharged the duties of temporary Professor of Physics for two years—returned to America in July. Professor Easterfield, head of the Chemistry Department for the last twenty-one years, has been appointed Director of the Cawthron Institute of Scientific Research at Nelson. Mr. P. W. Robertson, M.A., M.Sc. (N.Z.), Ph. D. (Leipz.), B.A. (Oxford), of the Imperial College of Science and Technology, South Kensington, and an old Victoria University College student, has been appointed his successor, and will take up his duties at the beginning of next session. The Macarthy School of Economics will be instituted next session under the direction of Mr. B. E. Murphy, M.A., LL.B., B.Com., who has been appointed Professor.

Book Department.—During the year a book department was inaugurated to provide students with their text-books in the various subjects. Books were provided for the following departments: Biology, chemistry, physics, geology, philosophy, mathematics, history, and French. It is hoped this will prove a real convenience to students, and will enable them to purchase their books more cheaply than hitherto, besides ensuring that books will be available for all students.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF VICTORIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1920.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure,</i>		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward	7,332	13	10	Salaries—				
Government grant	9,000	0	0	Staff	11,863	6	11
Rent of reserves	44	10	0	Caretaker and assistants	428	7	3
Fees	5,335	4	6	Office salaries and expenses	919	12	4
Convocation grant, New Zealand University	15	15	0	Printing and stationery	187	9	0
Tutorial classes grant, New Zealand University	300	0	0	Advertising	71	18	11
Government grant (national endowment)	1,880	13	2	Travelling-expenses	55	6	6
Sale of Calendars	10	2	10	Examination expenses	48	2	6
New Zealand Pharmacy Board (Chemical Laboratory)	6	0	0	Insurance	67	10	3
Examination fees	100	5	6	Maintenance	218	3	9
Interest	279	19	8	Legal expenses	10	8	11
Book department sales	237	19	6	Contingencies	47	11	4
Government grant (College buildings)	1,300	0	0	Grounds	123	9	6
Grants for tutorial classes	329	9	3	Lighting	219	0	9
Government subsidies for tutorial classes	344	13	3	Chemicals and apparatus	412	8	1
Sir George Grey Scholarship	50	0	0	Fees refunded	64	5	0
					Court of convocation	15	15	0
					Tutorial classes	934	7	1
					Book department	67	11	3
					Water	40	6	3
					Heating	123	14	4
					Library books	371	14	2
					Builder	1,300	0	0
					Architect	200	0	0
					Sir George Grey Scholarship	50	0	0
					Balance, 31st March, 1920—				
					Post Office Savings-bank	2,226	15	0
					Bank of New Zealand, on fixed deposit	5,000	0	0
					Balance at Bank of New Zealand	1,593	5	6
					Less—	£ s. d.			
					Unpresented cheques	.. 46 0 0			
					Library deposits	16 16 0			
					S. A. Rhodes	30			
					(interest)			
					School of Economics	.. 0 7 1			
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