

Of the 3,683 students attending University colleges, 1,578, or 43 per cent., were receiving free tuition, being the holders of scholarships, bursaries, or training-college studentships.

The numbers of students taking the various subjects were as follows: English, 590; law, 552; education, 532; medicine, 402; French, 384; engineering, 372; economics, 365; chemistry, 362; Latin, 353; physics, 305; philosophy, 293; commercial subjects, 292; pure mathematics, 257; and other subjects by smaller numbers.

In addition to the students attending the four University colleges, some fifty students, of whom seven were Government bursary holders and one was a holder of a Kitchener Scholarship, were taking an agricultural course of university grade at the Lincoln Agricultural College in Canterbury.

The number of full-time professors employed in the four University colleges at the end of 1922 was as follows: Auckland, 10; Victoria, 13; Canterbury, 12; Otago, 21: total, 56. In addition a number of part-time professors and large staffs of lecturers and assistants were employed. The average salary of full-time professors was £831, and the total expenditure by the four colleges on salaries for the year £84,850, as compared with £89,857 in the previous year.

Finances of the Affiliated Colleges, 1922.

The total receipts of the University colleges for the year 1922 amounted to £215,500, of which sum £128,066 was received directly from the Government and £3,169 indirectly from the Government through the University of New Zealand. The receipts from the Government included £42,225 maintenance grants and apportionment of national-endowment revenue, and £62,437 grants for buildings and equipment. Receipts from local sources included £25,969, income from reserves and £39,758 fees.

The total payments amounted to £194,968 of which the principal items were salaries, £84,850; buildings, £55,532; equipment, £10,943; administration, £14,863.

FREE EDUCATION AT UNIVERSITY COLLEGES.

What may be regarded as generous provision is made for free education and for scholarship allowances for students of the University colleges, 43 per cent., as mentioned above, of the students receiving free tuition.

Scholarships.

University entrance scholarships are awarded annually on the results of the University Junior Scholarship Examination, and are as follows: University Junior, University National, and Taranaki Scholarships (open only to candidates resident in Taranaki), in addition to some thirty or forty local and privately endowed scholarships awarded on the results of the same examination. The value of a Junior Scholarship or a University National Scholarship is £20 per annum in addition to tuition fees; and when necessary a boarding-allowance of £30 per annum. Twenty-eight Junior University Scholarships and fifty-two University National Scholarships were held during 1922. The expenditure by the University on scholarships was £3,096, and by the Education Department on University National Scholarships £3,246. In addition to the scholarships, and partly in connection therewith, a scheme of bursaries entitling students to free tuition is also in operation, as set out in detail below.

Scholarships awarded during the degree course are: Senior University Scholarships tenable by candidates for Honours, and awarded on the papers set for subjects in the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science Examinations; John Tinline Scholarship, awarded on the papers in English of the Senior Scholarship Examination; Sir George Grey Scholarships for students of science subjects; and a number of privately endowed scholarships open to students of the various colleges. Twelve Senior University Scholarships were held during 1922.

The chief scholarships awarded at the end of the University course are the Rhodes Scholarship, the 1851 Exhibition Scholarship, the Medical Travelling Scholarship, the Engineering Travelling Scholarship, the French Travelling Scholarship, National Research Scholarships (one of which is offered to each University college), and a post-graduate scholarship in arts. All, excepting the National