

one subject. Of the juniors, five did not succeed in keeping terms in even one subject, though some of them almost reached the pass standard, and all of them, no doubt, benefited by their attendance at the University. In pass-degree history, Mr. Alex. Salmond obtained first place in a class of over 110 students. The same student took first place in the pass-degree education class, which contained about 120 students.

*New Zealand University Results.*—It is encouraging to note in the Otago list (1926) of successes published in connection with the New Zealand University Degree examinations that the names of students and ex-students of the Training College predominate. Thus they gained eight out of fourteen of the M.A. degrees conferred, twenty-two out of the thirty-seven B.A. degrees, one out of six B.Sc., five out of five diploma in social science, the only B.Com., four out of six diploma of education. It is thus evident that a considerable number of teachers who begin their University course while students at the Training College manage to continue their studies until they achieve some University distinction.

*Staff Changes.*—Mr. J. G. Anderson, M.A., M.Sc., entered upon his duties at the beginning of the year as Lecturer in Science. Miss M. R. Turnbull, B.Sc., succeeded Miss V. K. Harrison, B.A., B.Sc., as tutor and librarian as from the 1st March. Both new members have entered upon their duties with ability and enthusiasm.

*General.*—As in previous years, I am pleased to report that the conduct of students has, on the whole, been excellent. Most of them have taken a commendable interest in all departments of College life, and their attitude towards study, teaching, and sport has been highly satisfactory. The results of both College and University examinations, as well as the reports on teaching ability furnished by normal and associated teachers, have reached a pleasingly high standard. I am hopeful that all students leaving College will be able to give satisfaction to parents of pupils and to education authorities, and that they will continue to study and improve in both the theory and practice of their honourable profession.

*Sports.*—With the exception of the few students composing the orchestra, all took part in some form of outdoor sport—the ladies in basketball and hockey, and men in Rugby or Association football, or hockey. The sports afternoon was well organized and contributed much, not only towards the health of the students, but towards the cultivation of a worthy College tone and spirit. Numbers of students also practised tennis, swimming, and fives at odd times when conditions were favourable. Three football teams entered the local competitions, the A team again winning the junior flag. The junior Otago representative team contained four or five Training College students, who contributed much to its success in the senior interprovincial competitions. Mr. Holden, a second-year student, worthily represented Otago in various interprovincial contests. Our football successes during the past two years have been due in no small degree to the skilled coaching of Mr. Hudson. Six teams—two A grade, two B, and two C—took part in the Dunedin basketball competitions, our A1 team having an unbeaten record, and winning both the shield and the banner. In hockey three teams entered, and stood high in their various grades, the A team losing the cup to Otago after a well-played game. In the intercollegiate tournament Otago was successful in debating, basketball, hockey, and boxing; equal in swimming; and was defeated in football and tennis. The boxing competition was memorable owing to the fact that though one of our team, Mr. W. H. Henderson, slipped during the first round and broke both bones in his forearm, he continued boxing with one hand for the remaining two rounds and won the bout.

*The Dramatic Club* did excellent work throughout the year. Mr. Fleming and Miss McLeod have again proved their skill in staging most successfully another play of Sir James Barrie's "Dear Brutus." Both the cast and their instructors deserve the highest praise.

*The Glee Club and Orchestra* continued and thoroughly enjoyed their practices under the directorship of Miss Vickers. Towards the end of the year the Glee Club gave a concert, which was considered a musical treat by all who attended. The orchestra contributed in various ways towards the success of College functions. It assisted at concerts, dramatic representations, and social activities.

*The Debating Club* met regularly during the first two terms, and did good work, both of a general nature and in preparation for the annual tournament.

*Social Life.*—The Students' executive continues to manage most successfully the social side of College life. Welcome and farewell picnics, together with socials and dances were held, and the executive, under its president, Mr. Howie, is entitled to the highest praise for the manner in which they were organized and conducted. In the management of the jubilee function—"welcome of present to past students"—the executive excelled itself. It is safe to say that on no occasion in the history of New Zealand have so many teachers met and enjoyed themselves so whole-heartedly.

*College Jubilee.*—In August the jubilee of the College was celebrated most successfully. Both present and past students worked with the greatest loyalty and enthusiasm. Circulars were sent to about 2,300 ex-students, 750 of whom sent replies and 600 indicated their intention of being present at one or more of the functions planned for the jubilee. It would be almost impossible to name all who helped most willingly, but the names of at least two must be recorded—Mr. A. J. Woods, M.A., who acted as secretary, and who did the greater part of the planning and organizing, and to whom more than to any other the success of the celebrations was due; and Mr. S. M. Park, who so ably prepared the souvenir booklet and arranged for its publication. In connection with the jubilee I desire to thank the Otago Education Board for its liberal donation towards expenses.

*Needs of the College.*—It is hoped that additional accommodation, including library, workshop, class-room, and offices, plans for which have been prepared by the Board's Architect, and forwarded to the Department, will be authorized immediately and completed at an early date.

*Thanks.*—My sincere thanks are tendered to all who during the past year have contributed in any way towards the success of the College.