

3. VICTORIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

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REPORT. (EXTRACTS.)

THE Victoria University College Council presents the following report for the year 1938:—

As the records show, the year was a successful one, though the work was made more difficult by the limited accommodation. The fact that the new Biology Building has not been completed in contract time means that 1939 will have special difficulties. The completion of the Administration Building gave some relief, but it is now clear that by the time the new buildings are in use we shall again be faced with the problem of accommodation. Particularly is this true in regard to the needs of the rapidly growing body of students who have to organize their clubs and other activities under very serious disabilities. There are now over one thousand students, and the accommodation for them consists of one large common-room for women and one small common-room for men. The gymnasium, built over thirty years ago when the student body numbered fewer than four hundred, has served its day. Its structure is such that it can be used for less than half the student body. The provision of a Student Union Building is long overdue and has now become an urgent necessity. In this respect Victoria University College is far behind the other University colleges and the technical colleges of the main centres. Even the present small space in the main building now used by students is greatly needed for library and other purposes.

The yearly increase in the Government grant approved by the Minister in accordance with the five-year plan submitted by the University Conference has enabled the College to increase the number of the junior staff as well as provide some advances in salary. The relief has been very welcome, but, with a good many classes of over one hundred each, much more is necessary to ensure even the minimum considered necessary by almost all teaching institutions.

Staff.—During the year the following new appointments were made: Principal—T. A. Hunter, M.A., M.Sc. Professor of Political Science—L. M. Lipson, B.A. (Oxford), Ph.D. (Chicago). Lecturer in Philosophy—L. S. Hearnshaw, M.A. (Oxford), B.A. (London). Lecturer in Economics—J. O. Shearer, M.A. Lecturer in Education—C. L. Bailey, M.A., *vice* A. E. Campbell, M.A., resigned. Lecturer in Accountancy Law—H. R. C. Wild, LL.M., *vice* Dr. Foden, resigned.

Tutorial Classes Committee.—The following are extracts from the annual report of the Tutorial Classes Committee:—

“During the present session, for the first time in its history, the Association has had two full-time Tutor-Organizers in the field. Early in the year Mr. P. Martin-Smith, M.A., LL.B., resigned his position as Tutor-Organizer in order to take up the post of Director of the Workers' Educational Association in the Auckland District, and he was replaced by Mr. A. S. Hely, who had already been appointed as an additional Tutor-Organizer. Mr. G. J. Garner, M.A., was then appointed to the position which it had originally been intended that Mr. Hely should fill.

“Enrolments for the district have totalled 1,854 (classes, 868; discussion-course groups, 851; box circles, 135), as compared with 2,148 last year (classes, 964; discussion-course groups, 826; box circles, 325). In comparing the totals it should be noted that last year's city and suburban programme included thirteen short courses for which 533 students enrolled, whereas during the present session there were in the city and suburbs only three short courses with 83 enrolments. Hence the decline in enrolments is largely the result of the Committee's policy of reverting to longer courses, and is not an indication of diminishing activity. There has, it is true, been a sharp falling-off in the figures for box circles, but this is more than offset by increased enrolments in country classes and in discussion-course groups. The work has been carried on through funds provided by the Government, by the University from the National Endowment Fund, and by the Carnegie Corporation.