

University College has increased threefold since the opening in 1883, but the revenue has remained the same. The number of



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students attending lectures was seventy-four in 1883, and two hundred and thirty-nine in 1899. This year the number of students is one hundred and ninety-nine. The College has an endowment of 30,000 acres in the Taupiri district, but the land is of such an inferior quality that it yields a revenue of only £200. Thus the Auckland University College Council has to maintain the institution on an income of little over £4,000 per annum—a sum which is scarcely sufficient to meet the inevitable demands made upon it, and which does not enable the Council to extend the good work the College is doing.

Of the two hundred students but a small proportion devote their time exclusively to University work. Most are engaged during the day in the serious business of gaining a livelihood, and are free to attend lectures in

the evening only, when, to suit their convenience, most of the lectures are delivered. The number of exclusive students has increased, however, during the last few years. Until recently there has been only an occasional Honours student in Classics and English; the number of such students is now on the increase, and we may safely predict that in future Aucklanders will get their share of scholarships and honours in these subjects.

Space will not allow me to discuss at any length the various societies connected with the Auckland University College. The Students' Association, of course, takes precedence of the others. This society has great influence on the College life. It not only manages the College social functions, but has frequently made representations to, and been approached by, the Council on matters relating to the welfare of the College and its students. Until recently there were two dialectic societies at the College—the



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Debating Society, for which all members are eligible, and the Girls' Korero Club, from which, as its name implies, the male was