

The numerical attendance at all the classes, and the results of the recent annual examinations, are shown in the following table :—

Subjects.	Attendance.	Entered for Examination.	Results of Examinations.			
			1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Failures.
General (University)—						
Mathematics	11	11	1	4	5	1
Theoretical mechanics	7	7	...	4	3	...
Theoretical physics	11	12	2	5	5	...
Practical physics	6	6	1	2	3	...
Theoretical chemistry	13	13	2	4	5	2
Practical chemistry	12	12	6	5	1	...
Theoretical biology	3	3	...	1	2	...
Practical biology	3	3	...	3	...	...
Special (School of Mines)—						
Mining, first course	16	16	4	6	6	...
Mining geology	11	10	1	3	5	1
General geology	11	10	4	6	...	...
Palæontology	3	3	...	3	...	...
Mineralogy	11	10	...	4	5	1
Petrography	7	6	...	4	2	...
General metallurgy	6	6	2	4	...	...
Special metallurgy	6	6	3	3	...	...
Theory of assaying	9	9	3	5	1	...
Practical assaying, first course ...	9	9	6	3	...	...
Practical assaying, second course	7	7	5	2	...	...
Blowpipe analysis	12	12	4	8	...	...
Applied mechanics	5	6	3	3	...	...
Surveying, first course	9	9	5	2	2	...
Surveying, second course	5	5	5	...	...	...
Model drawing	9	9	7	2	...	...
Practical plane geometry } drawing {	11	11	8	3	...	...
Solid geometry	4	4	3	1	...	...
Machine drawing	3	3	2	1	...	...
Totals	...	..	77	91	45	5

The twenty-four students who require to make use of the vacation for practical mining-work have by this time most probably all found places in gold- and coal-mines in Otago, on the West Coast (South Island), and in the Thames and Hauraki Districts (North Island). The chances of obtaining employment in the latter mining fields seemed, in fact, so favourable, according to news received by some of the students, that thirteen departed together by steamer for Auckland directly after the results of the annual examinations were published. Owing to the kind intercession of Mr. James Allen, M.H.R., the general manager of the Union Steamship Company (Mr. J. Mills) made a liberal reduction in the cost of a return ticket to Auckland from £7 10s. to £5, and extended the time of return to six months—a generous aid during the pursuance of their studies highly appreciated by the students. The manager of the Huddart-Parker Steamship Company has since also intimated by letter that he will in future treat our travelling students with the same liberality as the Union Steamship Company.

Regarding the number of students likely to attend for next year's session, it may reach sixty in case all the twenty-four old students return and all new applicants for entry are admitted. The number of these latter at present on the books is thirty-two, but additional ones will very probably come forth before the commencement of next session. For the special mining classes of the first year's course—mining geology and general geology—(which are the same for all the five divisions of the school) the enlargement and alterations of the present museum room, as sanctioned by the Council, will probably afford the necessary seating-space for so large a number of students; and, if not, Professor Shand's lecture-room, being free at the hours fixed for these classes, could be made use of, though with some inconvenience in the carrying about of models, specimens, and diagrams. But for three of the classes of the second and third years' courses—viz., assaying, petrography, and surveying—twelve students at the outside (which for assaying means twenty-four, as explained previously) can only be accommodated, and only on provision for the assaying class of five new smelting-furnaces, and for that in petrography of at least four additional petrological microscopes and a second machine for cutting and grinding rock-sections.

With regard to the assaying class last session, Mr. Fitzgerald wrote to me as follows: "I found that the laboratory accommodation was taxed to the utmost. I had sixteen students, two of whom luckily were unable to take the evening class, thus relieving the furnaces to a certain extent. I understand that five new furnaces are to be added, but I would draw attention to the fact that even with the new furnaces we could not accommodate more than twelve students in each course."