

of much assistance to the Board. In consequence of ill-health the Rev. Gordon Webster was compelled to resign his seat; and, the Rev. Canon Harper having been detained in England, two casual vacancies were occasioned. To fill these the graduates elected the Rev. Canon Harper in his absence, and in place of the Rev. Gordon Webster they elected Mr. Thomas Scholfield Foster, M.A. In consequence of his eyesight being affected, Professor Robert J. Scott obtained leave of absence, and has derived much benefit from the change. Mr. A. Dudley Dobson, M.I.C.E., has carried on the work of the department of engineering during the absence of the professor. Professor A. W. Bickerton has obtained leave of absence for the current year, with a view to the re-establishment of his health. In his absence the honours lectures in chemistry and physics will be taken by Mr. W. P. Evans, M.A., Ph.D., while Mr. Page will have the charge of the department. The lectures in constitutional history and political economy during the year were taken by Mr. Percy F. Rowland, of Hertford College, Oxford.

"The Canterbury College Powers Act, 1898," having come into force during the year, the accounts of the institution have been much simplified. All the properties that the Board was compelled to take over have now passed out of the hands of the College; while the sum of £960, less all costs and charges, as authorised by the Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Indemnity Act, has been paid over to Mr. G. H. Saxton, and has been charged to the various departments interested.

Professor Dendy has presented to the College library, and also to the reference department of the Public Library, copies of his "Monograph on the Development of the Tuatara Lizard," perhaps the most interesting animal now living in New Zealand. This work, which was published in London last year, is the outcome of original research carried out in the biological laboratory of the College.

The number of students who have attended lectures during the year is as follows: Matriculated, 117; non-matriculated, 65; total, 182.

The number of students attending each lecture during the last term of 1899 was as follows:—

Classics.—Pass Latin: Translation, 28; composition, 29. Greek: Translation, 1; composition, 1. Honours Latin: Translation, 3; composition, 4. Pass Latin: Teachers' class, 7.

English Literature and Language.—Pass Lectures: History and structure of the English language, 30; Anglo-Saxon and middle English, 28; literature and set books, 39; essay class, 29. Honours Lectures: Anglo-Saxon and middle English, 9; philology, 8; literature and set books, 7.

English History.—Pass history of England; 14.

Mathematics.—Pass pure mathematics, 38; pass mechanics and hydrostatics, 18. Honours mathematics, 9; honours elementary mechanics and hydrostatics, 4.

Chemistry and Physics.—Pass chemistry, 16; honours chemistry, 2; teachers' chemistry, 4; pass physics, 14; honours physics, 5; practical chemistry (junior and pass), 32; practical physics (junior and pass), 14; practical physics and chemistry (honours and research), 2.

Geology.—Junior geology, 5; senior geology, 1.

Biology.—Pass botany, 7; practical botany, 7; honours botany, 2; honours practical botany, 1; pass general biology (Part II.), 5; pass zoology (Part II.), 2; practical zoology (Part II.), 6; honours practical zoology, 3.

French.—Pass Lectures: Composition, 20; authors, 16; grammar, 17; literature, 15; composition (teachers' class), 1. Honours Lectures: Composition, 4; authors, 4; essay and literature, 5; philology, 7; literature, 2.

German.—Composition I. and philology, 3; translation and literature, 4; for beginners, 3.

Jurisprudence and Law.—Pass jurisprudence, 9; honours jurisprudence, 7; law (second section), 3; law (third section), 2.

Constitutional History.—11.

Political Economy.—Pass, 19; honours, 1.

Music.—Rudiments of music and harmony (junior first-year students), 10; harmony, &c. (intermediate second-year students), 14; harmony, counterpoint, history, &c. (senior third-year students), 14; advanced harmony, composition, &c., 1; study of form in composition, 13.

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS.—Students were recorded by the University Senate as having passed in their respective examinations as follows: Honours and also Degree of Master of Arts, 7. Bachelor of Arts, final examination, 8; first section, 21. Doctor of Science, 1. Bachelor of Science, final examination, 1; first section, 1. Bachelor of Science in Engineering, third and final examination, 1; first examination, 3. Bachelor of Music, final examination, 2. Bachelor of Laws, second section, 6; first section, 1.

Of the six senior scholarships awarded by the University one and a half were gained by students of this College.

The Bowen prize, for an essay on "The Mutual Dependence of the Commercial and Political Interests of Great Britain," was awarded to an undergraduate of this College.

The Macmillan Brown memorial prize, for the best imaginative composition either in prose or verse, and given every alternate year, has been awarded once, and was gained by an undergraduate of this College.

Two students of this College were awarded commissions in the Imperial army.

MUSIC.—The affiliation of our College with the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music met with increased support at its second annual examination, held in December. The examination was conducted by Mr. G. P. Moore, of the Royal College of Music, London. The performance of the candidates was far above the average of the examination in 1898; both teachers and pupils had no doubt learned by experience that it was a mistake to attempt too high a grade. Mr. Moore, in his report, says that "Christchurch is one of the most promising musical centres he has visited on his tour through Australasia. Both teachers and pupils have done their work thoroughly, and the influence of the really excellent teaching should