

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS.

The following table shows the number of students of this College who passed the various degree examinations of the New Zealand University of 1906, as compared with 1907:—

Degree.	1906.	1907.
Master of Arts, with honours	5	7
Master of Arts	3	1
Bachelor of Arts	13	16
Bachelor of Arts, first section	23	26
Master of Science	2	1
Bachelor of Science	2	2
Bachelor of Laws	4	6
Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical)	3	3
Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical)	...	2
	55	64

The number of students who have succeeded in passing the various examinations for degrees given by the University of New Zealand are as follows: M.A., 168; B.A., 255 (some of whom are still eligible to compete for the M.A. degree); LL.D., 2; LL.B., 18; M.Sc., 7; B.Sc., 15; B. Engineering, 29; Mus. Bac., 3. Two art graduates have also obtained the degree of LL.D., 3 that of D.Sc., 1 that of Litt. D., 1 that of LL.M., 24 that of LL.B., 25 that of B.Sc., 3 that of M.Sc., 1 that of B. Engineering; 3 science graduates have also obtained the degree of B. Engineering.

Since the foundation of the University of New Zealand 157 graduates in arts and science have been awarded first-class honours; 60 of these belong to Canterbury College. Of the 13 double first-class honours awarded by the University, 10 were gained by students from this College.

Of the 219 Senior and Third Year and John Tinlin Scholarships awarded by the University of New Zealand during the last thirty-one years (the period during which the present scholarship regulations have been in force) 102 have been awarded to students of Canterbury College.

Of the 28 Bowen Prizes which have been awarded by the University, for an essay on a subject connected with English history, and open to all undergraduates of the University of New Zealand, 19 have been gained by students of this College, whilst the only four mentioned as "*proxime accessit*" have also been of this College.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

(Lady Principal, Miss M. V. Gibson, M.A.)

As was anticipated, the school work this year has been carried on under very considerable difficulties, owing to the extension and alterations of the building.

In the first term the classes were held in the old part of the school, which was more crowded than ever, and, in spite of all possible arrangements made by the architect and builder, there was much unavoidable disturbance. The hammering required to break through the brick and stone work that had to be removed afforded ample proof of the solidity of the original building, but frequently oral lessons had to be absolutely suspended while it continued. The Exhibition traffic passing the doors added to the general distraction.

During the months of February and March advantage was taken of the nearness of the Exhibition, and the special concessions made for school classes, to pay several visits during school hours to the more specially educational courts. The classes visited these in rotation, and the officials in charge gave up a great deal of valuable time explaining the various exhibits. Their kindness was much appreciated by the teachers and pupils, who found the visits to the Exhibition both enjoyable and instructive.

The foundation-stone of the extension of the building was laid by the Hon. George Fowlds, Minister of Education, on Thursday, the 28th March, in the presence of the Chairman of the Board of Governors, several members of the Board, the teaching staff and pupils of the school, and a few visitors, including Mr. Charles Lewis, M.P., and Mr. A. E. G. Rhodes, former Chairman of the Board of Governors.

At the beginning of the second term the want of light and ventilation in some of the rooms facing the extension made it impossible to use them. Two fair-sized rooms were obtained in an empty house in Chester Street, not very far from the school, and some of the classes were carried on there. This necessitated a good deal of passing to and fro on the part of girls and teachers, and a considerable shortening of the teaching-time in consequence, but, as the winter was fortunately a dry one, no more serious inconvenience was incurred.

By the beginning of the third term the new staircase and two of the new class-rooms were available, and were put into use while the other alterations were made, and the building was finished shortly before the close of the school year.

When the furniture and fittings are provided the school will have a fine assembly hall, five large class-rooms, and three smaller rooms, accommodating in all fully 240 pupils, a science room, and a small library. In addition to wide corridors and a fine double staircase with a dividing hand-rail, two fire-escapes have been provided for the upper floor. The ventilation, heating, and lighting arrangements are all made on modern hygienic principles, and dual desks are provided. There is not yet sufficient cloak-room accommodation, and the playground is wholly inadequate, being barely larger than the dimensions of the asphalt tennis-court, and shut off from the sun by the large brick building on the north. These are serious defects, especially in a girls' school, and call for improvement at as early a date as possible, as their evils will be doubled during the winter months.

During the year pictures for the assembly hall have been presented to the school by the late Sir John Hall (Houses of Parliament, Westminster), the late Allan McLean (portraits of Sir Walter