

As a result of the year's work the following class certificates were gained in University class examinations: Six first-class, 108 second-class, 140 third-class. One student gained the Clark prize for mental science. At the degree examinations of 1913 two students completed their B.A. degree, and five students gained the first section of it.

V. *Teaching Practice*.—As in last year, associated schools have been used in addition to the Normal practising-school under guidance of the Inspector's opinions as to the teaching qualifications of the various teachers. I see no way of avoiding this if the students are to have sufficient practice without utterly disarranging the ordinary work of the Normal School. There is no denying, however, that two things are necessary—(1) a direct interest of the associated teachers in the work of the students; (2) adequate college supervision and setting out of students' work while practising. The first of these is being provided for in the new Bill. The second could only be met under present circumstances by the appointment of a master of method. It seems to me that the regular staff of a Normal School and Training College should comprise, besides the Principal—(1) Head teacher and adequate staff for the practising-school as for other schools of the same size, but better paid; (2) a master of method; (3) a teacher of science; (4) kindergarten teacher and matron.

VI. There are, in addition to what is indicated above, five great wants in our institution: (1) A school-garden for the model country schools; (2) a swimming-bath for children and students; (3) modern furniture in the school; (4) adequate library and study accommodation; (5) some system of boarding students under College supervision.

In regard to (1), the absurdity of running two model country schools and a kindergarten without a garden for agriculture and nature-study work is very evident, yet it is being done. A few hundreds of pounds spent in buying an adjoining quarter-acre would solve the difficulty.

In regard to (2), there is only one public bath in the city, and only one class in the school can use it per year, while students get no use of it, and most of them leave College without being able to swim.

In regard to (3), most of the school furniture is the antiquated long form and desk, which are quite out of place in a normal school.

With regard to (4), there is only a small room available, which will accommodate about six students out of 116.

I need say nothing about (5), which is constantly mentioned in every Principal's report. The difficulty could be met if authority was given to the Education Board to make boarding at a college hostel compulsory for all students not living with relatives. In this connection I think it is unfair and a mistake to reduce the allowance of students boarding at home from £60 to £30. The board costs the same wherever it is, and this limitation is one of the factors which help to make the service unpopular for men. Many a family can simply not afford to board a young man from eighteen to twenty years of age for practically nothing, and a young man of that age objects to become dependent on his parents.

VII. The various institutions of the College have been active during the year under the management of the Students' Association. The annual College magazine was published as usual, and is quite up to the standard of former years. Tennis has been regularly played and tournaments held. Hockey and football have been played as part of the University organization. A College football team visited Southland and suffered "a temporary reverse." A debating club has been formed. The students' executive has met fifteen times. The library has been well managed and patronized. Three socials were held during the year, the largest in the Victoria Hall, and the two smaller ones in the gymnasium. A branch of the Christian Union has met regularly at the College: nine meetings were addressed by different visitors.

VIII. The Board has allowed Mr. Green, one of its agricultural instructors, to conduct the agriculture class at the College. A plot at the Botanical Gardens is used, and the College system of work is linked up with that of the Board's schools. Mr. Green is a trained expert and an enthusiast in his subject, and the work done, I consider, is very profitable.

IX. I have been greatly pleased with the conduct of the students during the year. Those leaving seemed loath to tear themselves away, and have unanimously resolved to form an ex-students' association, which will meet for the first time next year.

X. I have to thank Mr. McElrea and the members of the staff for their ungrudging help and support during the year.

The Secretary, Education Board, Dunedin.

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