

## EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE ON SESSION 1917.

## Students attending lectures whether terms kept or not—

Matriculated students—					Males.	Females.	Total.
Graduates	...	...	...	...	21	7	28
Undergraduates	...	...	...	...	259	172	431
All matriculated students					280	179	459
Non-matriculated students	...	...	...	...	39	75	114
All students attending lectures					319	254	573
Exempt students not attending lectures (not included above)	...	...	...	...	12	5	17
Grand total of all students					331	259	590
Courses taken—							
Arts (as for B.A., M.A., &c.)	...	...	...	...	73	134	207
Science (as for B.Sc., M.Sc., &c.)	...	...	...	...	16	10	26
Law (as for LL.B., LL.M., &c.)	...	...	...	...	16	...	16
Commerce (as for B.Com. &c.)	...	...	...	...	20	13	33
Medicine (as for M.B., Ch.B.)	...	...	...	...	182	43	225
Dentistry (as for B.D.S.)	...	...	...	...	3	6	9
Engineering (as for B.E., Civil, Mechanical, or Electrical)	...	...	...	...	9	...	9
Mining engineering (as for degree)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Home science	...	...	...	...	...	48	48
Totals					319	254	573

*Scholarships.*—University Junior Scholarships, 9; University National Scholarships, 24; Taranaki Scholarships, 3; Senior University Scholarships, 2; University Bursaries, 97; other scholarships and exhibitions, including 25 in home science, 33; educational bursaries, 8; Training College studentships, 117: total, 293.

I am glad to say that, notwithstanding the large number of our undergraduates that have gone to the war, the numbers in the majority of the classes were well maintained, and in some classes the normal attendance was exceeded. This is due largely, although not entirely, to a very pleasing feature in our University life—the yearly increasing numbers of women availing themselves of the advantages of University education. The statistics already given show that last session there were 259 women in attendance, as compared with 331 men. Of the 259 women, 43 were students of medicine.

In considering the provisional agenda paper for the meeting of the Board of Studies held in November, 1917, the Faculty of Arts and Science adopted several resolutions, among the more important being the three following:—

(1.) Mr. Tibbs, a member of the Senate, having proposed at a meeting of the Senate that in certain subjects, such as languages and mathematics, students should be allowed to pass for B.A. and B.Sc. on the Entrance Scholarship papers of the New Zealand University, on the motion of the Dean the following resolution was unanimously adopted: “The Faculty considers Mr. Tibbs’s proposal very objectionable, and indeed wholly inadmissible, on the grounds (a) that it would introduce two standards for degrees in Arts and Science, and (b) that in the majority, if not in all, of the subjects mentioned by Mr. Tibbs the work done in the University colleges is both much more extensive and more difficult in character than any work that can possibly be undertaken by the high schools without interfering in a very serious degree with the legitimate work of these schools.”

(2.) In regard to the proposal before the Senate to count the languages at the “repeat” stage as one subject, the member of the Faculty unanimously opposed this attempt to degrade the study of languages and literature.

(3.) In respect of the resolution of the Board of Studies with regard to the time-limit for the Honours Examination, the members of the Faculty were unanimous in thinking that “an option of an additional year for students preparing for honours is very desirable.”

## EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE DEAN OF THE MEDICAL FACULTY.

The year that has just passed is a very notable one in the history of the school, as it is marked by the opening of the new Medical School buildings, in which the teaching of the subjects for the second and third professional examinations was carried on for the three terms of the academic year. The buildings have proved well suited for the purposes for which they were designed, and without the extra accommodation they afford it would have been impossible to carry out the instruction which has this year been given.

The provision for this extra assistance has been made by an extra grant from the Public Health Department for public-health work in bacteriology, and by Dr. Drennan’s undertaking the lectures in medical jurisprudence to set free the salary previously paid for this subject to meet the cost of a whole-time assistant in pathology. We have the promise of the Minister that the contributions of the Public Health Department for work done in the University laboratories will in future be on a more satisfactory basis; but we have to look forward to further increases in future in the staff of both laboratory departments, and with a museum to create, the cost of the pathological department is certain to grow. In this connection it is eminently desirable that