## REPORT OF DIRECTOR (ABRIDGED).

SIR.

I have the honour, by direction of the Board of Governors, in pursuance of the Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Act, 1896, to submit the following report on the work of the institution for the year ending 31st December, 1918:—

Fifty-four students were enrolled in 1918, the average number in residence being up to the maximum that the College is able to accommodate. Of the students in residence, six were bursary-holders under

the Education Department's scheme for agricultural education.

I am glad to be able to state that the work of the students as a whole was satisfactory, both in class work and on the farm. The prizes and scholarships offered by the Board were keenly competed for.

Twenty-nine students left at the end of the year, twelve having completed one year, ten two years, and seven three years. Five students completed the full three-years course and satisfied all

the examiners, and were awarded the diploma of the College.

As in former years, we are indebted to a number of public bodies and friends for presenting the College with valuable trophies for prizes in class, farm work and practice. We are also indebted to one firm for permitting students to inspect all their operations, and to another for providing pens of fat lambs every week during the season for weight-estimation competition. These gifts and opportunities are highly appreciated by both staff and students. The prizes stimulate a wholesome competition, and the knowledge gained by visiting works and being able to get a dead-weight of stock are a most valuable addition to our curriculum.

Plant-breeding experiments are still being carried out. The results for the last two seasons, owing to the dry weather and prevalence of rust, &c., have not been encouraging, but the prospects for the coming year are much brighter, and it is hoped that pure strains of other wheats and oats will soon be available. One of the first selections of wheat—College Hunters—has been remarkably successful, and has given good results all over Canterbury and other provinces.

The College and farm buildings have been kept in good repair. Arrangements were made and a contract let at the middle of the year for an addition to the east wing of the main College building to provide servants' quarters and link up with detached building, which is much too small for our

requirements, and contains no lavatory accommodation.

The College farm has been maintained at its high state of fertility, the returns from crops and stock bearing satisfactory evidence of this fact. The live-stock on the farm have also been kept up to former standards, and reference to stud sales will show where College flocks topped the prices and averages; at Christchurch Metropolitan Show and Ashburton Show also, College stock won eight championships, eight reserve championships, twenty-nine first prizes, twenty-one second prizes, ten third prizes, and fifteen very-highly-commended cards.

I have, &c., R. E. Alexander, Director.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

## ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE-SHEET OF LINCOLN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1918.

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	eceipts.	£		d.		Payments. £			d.
Balance, 1st January, 1918				0		Staff salaries 1,7		15	8
Students' fees				6			-	0	0
Students' books—Sales			17	0				0	0
Students' maintenance		129	8	4		Students' maintenance 2,7	33	18	$^2$
Rents		2,850	7	10				12	$^2$
Interest on mortgages, &c.		769	14	11	ļ	Buildings—Repairs and additions 1	78	5	5
Stationery		7	3	4	- {	Permanent improvements 1,1	33 :	11	3
Library		0	5	0		College insurance	79	2	5
Prizes		10	10	0		Laboratories	69	4	2
College insurance—Refund		9	10	0		Library	10	2	4
College contingencies		248	6	11		College contingencies — Motor expenses,			
Buildings-Refund			18	0		lighting, interest, &c 1,0	<b>35</b> .	19	9
Live-stock—Sales		5 A79	18	8	1		24	4	4
Grain		1 760	8	4		Prizes and certificates	6	0	0
Wool, skins, &c		1 497	2	7	i	Churches and sports—Donations	26	5	0
Seeds		് ഭവ		9			56	11	9
Implements		ĸ	0	0		Stationery, postages, telephones, ex-			
Farm contingencies		60	0	4			75 ]	19	9
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						War bond—Capital Account 1,00		0	ŏ
						Balance, 31st December, 1918 1,16		9	6
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