

REPORT.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS to the MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

SIR,—

Auckland University College, 31st March, 1921.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Auckland University College Act, 1882, the Council has the honour to make the following report for the year 1920 :—

1. *Number of Students.*—The number of persons who attended lectures in this College in 1920 was 969 : Graduates, 20 (males 14, females 6) ; undergraduates, 561 (males 432, females 129) ; non-matriculated students, 388 (males 206, females 182). The number of students who were exempted from attendance was 49 (males 45, females 4). The total number of students undertaking study during the year was 1,018 (males 697, females 321).

2. *Council.*—The personnel of the College Council remained unaltered (with one exception) during the year, members retiring by effluxion of time being in every case reappointed or re-elected. The exception occurred in the election of Dr. Kenneth Mackenzie, *vice* Dr. H. D. Bamford (resigned). At the Council's annual meeting in July the Hon. George Fowlds was elected Chairman in succession to Mr. T. W. Leys, who did not wish re-election.

3. *Staff.*—During the year the vacancy created by the resignation of the Chair of Physics by Professor Owen was temporarily filled by the appointment of Mr. W. S. Vernon, M.Sc., as Acting-Professor, and the vacancy was advertised for permanent appointment. It was also decided to separate the Lectureship in Mental and Moral Philosophy from the Chair of History and Economics, and to advertise for applicants for a Professorship in Philosophy. Towards the end of the year these two appointments were made, Mr. P. W. Burbidge, M.Sc. (New Zealand), B.A. (Cambridge), 1851 Exhibition Research Scholar 1913, being appointed Professor of Physics, and Mr. W. Anderson, M.A. (Glasgow), Ferguson Scholar in Philosophy, being appointed Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy. Changes occurred in the Lectureships of Civil Engineering and Electrical Engineering, Mr. W. S. Gray, B.A., M.A.I. (Dublin), being appointed as for 1921 to the former, in the place of Mr. S. Cory-Wright, B.Sc. (resigned), and Mr. S. I. Crookes, jun., being appointed temporarily to the latter. Mr. G. McB. Salt, B.Sc., was appointed Demonstrator in Physics, and Mr. W. F. Short, M.Sc. (Victoria, Manchester), an additional Demonstrator in Chemistry.

4. *Receipts and Expenditure.*—General Account : Receipts, including balance of £8,965 19s. 5d. from 1919, amounted to £36,353 7s. 9d. ; expenditure, £25,074 11s. 7d. ; balance (including cash £6,453 16s. 2d., and investments £4,825), £11,278 16s. 2d. Sinclair-Gillies Scholarship Trust Account : Receipts, including balance of £4,271 17s. 3d. from 1919, £4,499 8s. 10d. ; expenditure, £140 3s. ; balance, £4,359 5s. 10d. Sinclair Bequest : Receipts, including balance of £36 18s. 9d. from 1919, £38 9s. 4d. ; expenditure, nil ; balance, £38 9s. 4d.

5. *Degrees and Honours.*—The following University successes were gained by students of the College in connection with the examinations of the year : Master of Arts, 9 ; Bachelor of Arts (final section), 18 ; Bachelor of Arts (preliminary section), 70 ; Bachelor of Science (final section), 4 ; Bachelor of Science (preliminary section), 15 ; Master of Laws, 2 ; Bachelor of Laws (final section), 10 ; Bachelor of Laws (preliminary section), 50 ; Bachelor of Commerce (final section), 2 ; Bachelor of Commerce (preliminary section), 7 ; Bachelor of Science in Architecture (first professional examination), 1 ; Bachelor of Agriculture (preliminary section), 1 ; Diploma of Education, 1.

6. The Schools of Music, Commerce, Law, Mining Engineering, and Architecture were attended during the year by the following numbers of students : School of Music, 61 ; School of Commerce, 98 ; School of Law, 204 ; School of Mining Engineering, 72 ; School of Architecture, 14.

7. *Workers' Educational Association.*—Nine tutorial classes of the Workers' Educational Association were conducted during the year. Three were studying economics, three psychology, one modern history, one English literature, and one hygiene. The activities of this centre of the association included other classes outside the scope of the strictly tutorial work, and so are not included here for comment. The making of a statutory grant by the Government towards the tutorial classes will greatly facilitate the extension of the work.

8. *Arts-building Plans.*—During the year the College authorities proceeded as far as was possible with the scheme for erecting an Arts Building on the site secured in the previous year. An architectural competition was arranged, the College Council having the assistance of the Auckland Council of the New Zealand Institute of Architects. Forty-four designs were submitted, and the authors of the winning six were then, in terms of the competition, invited to submit further designs for the competition's final stage early in the following year.

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GEO. FOWLDS, Chairman.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.