

*Agricultural Bursaries.*

Agricultural bursaries may be granted by the Education Department to qualified candidates in order to enable them to obtain the necessary practical training for positions as teachers or agricultural instructors, after the completion of their training the bursars being under a legal obligation to serve for a term of three years in one or other of these capacities. The qualification for a bursary is Matriculation or a higher or lower leaving-certificate, and candidates are preferred who have received agricultural instruction during their secondary-school course. In addition, ex-students of teachers' training colleges who desire to specialize in the teaching of agriculture may obtain the bursaries. They are tenable at an experimental farm, an agricultural college, or other approved institution for two years, with a possible extension to a third year. Bursars receive an allowance of £20 per annum with free tuition, and if obliged to live away from home a lodging-allowance of £30 per annum.

During 1922 seven agricultural bursars were attending Lincoln Agricultural College, and three a University college. In nearly every case partial success towards the B.Ag. degree was recorded. The expenditure by the Department on agricultural bursaries for the year 1922 was £632.

*Engineering Bursaries.*

Engineering bursaries tenable for three to five years at any school of engineering and technical science attached to or recognized by a University college may be granted to applicants possessing certain defined qualifications, including the completion of a fairly thorough preliminary course of study of the science of engineering. The bursaries cover the cost of tuition and examination fees, and where necessary a boarding-allowance of £50 per annum. Four such bursaries were held in 1922, the cost of them to the Education Department for the year being £287.

*War Bursaries.*

War bursaries tenable at secondary schools, technical schools, and University colleges may be awarded to the dependants of killed or disabled members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces. Such a dependant who is qualified to receive a University bursary or an educational bursary as described above may receive in addition an allowance of £10 per annum, and a boarding-allowance of £30 per annum if obliged to live away from home while attending a University college. Only one such war bursary tenable at a University college has so far been awarded.

## WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The Workers' Educational Association, which works in conjunction with the four University colleges, continued its activities in 1922 with increasingly satisfactory results. Tutorial and preliminary classes are conducted for working men and women in such subjects as economics, psychology, social and industrial history, English literature, English composition, modern history, electricity, and hygiene; in fact, the association announces its readiness to establish classes in almost any subject for which a sufficient number of students will be forthcoming. Members of the staffs of the University colleges and other highly qualified educationists act as tutors of the classes. Seventy-two classes were held in 1922, with a roll number of 2,500. The Government contributes directly £2,500 per annum to the movement, in addition to which £1,250 paid by the Government out of the National Endowment Fund to the University of New Zealand is devoted to the same object, making a total of £3,750. Voluntary contributions received by the University colleges on account of the association's classes are also subsidized by the Government, the amount paid on this account in 1922-23 being £610.

## GENERAL.

## ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.

The annual examinations conducted by the Department are as follows: (1) An examination to determine the grant of Junior Scholarships and junior free places, held in November; (2) a main series for Public Service Entrance, Senior National Scholarship, senior free place purposes, and the qualifying examination for Railway Engineering Cadets, held in November; (3) an August series for teachers' certificates of Classes D and C, and incidentally to some extent of Class B.