

### HIGHER (UNIVERSITY) EDUCATION.

The numbers of students on the books of the four University colleges during the past two years are as follows :—

University College.	1922.			1923.		
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.
Auckland .. ..	788	257	1,045	871	283	1,154
Victoria .. ..	577	259	836	634	296	930
Canterbury .. ..	595	219	814	666	319	985
Otago .. ..	862	401	1,263	855	278	1,133
Totals .. ..	2,822	1,136	3,958	3,026	1,176	4,202

Of the total number of students, 344 were exempt from lectures—that is, they were prevented by considerations of distance or of other special circumstances from attending college lectures, but were permitted to keep terms by passing the annual college examinations.

Of the 3,858 students actually attending lectures, 1,511, or 39 per cent., were receiving free tuition (32 per cent. of the men and 57 per cent. of the women).

The number of candidates for the University's examinations continue to increase. In 1923 there were 4,517 candidates for the matriculation examination, compared with 4,143 in the previous year; for the degree examinations there were 5,575 candidates in 1923 and 5,467 in 1922.

### WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The Workers' Educational Association continued its activities in 1923 in conjunction with the four University colleges. During the year there were eighty-eight classes with 3,225 enrolled students, showing an increase of sixteen classes and 725 students over the 1922 figures. 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 1923-24 being £406.

### UNIVERSITY FINANCE.

The following table shows the principal receipts and payments of the University of New Zealand for the year 1923 :—

#### I.—GENERAL ACCOUNT.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	<i>Payments.</i>	£
Balance, 1st January, 1923 .. ..	14,441	Transfer to Ordinary Scholarship Account .. ..	1,375
Statutory grant .. ..	3,845	National endowment .. ..	3,704
National endowment .. ..	3,704	Examinations .. ..	17,105
Fees and certificates .. ..	24,524	Office salaries and rents .. ..	3,166
Miscellaneous .. ..	3,674	Expenses of Senate sessions .. ..	966
		Miscellaneous .. ..	2,247
		English agent .. ..	2,632
		Travelling scholarships .. ..	500
		Balance, 1st January, 1924 (including balance in hands of English agent) ..	15,493
	<u>£47,188</u>		<u>£47,188</u>

#### II.—ORDINARY SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT.

<i>Receipts.</i>	£	<i>Payments.</i>	£
Balance, 1st January, 1924 .. ..	28,813	Scholarships .. ..	2,751
Transfer from General Account .. ..	1,375	Balance, 1st January, 1924 .. ..	29,124
Interest .. ..	1,687		
	<u>£31,875</u>		<u>£31,875</u>

In the above statements no account has been taken of special scholarships and prize funds.