

2. AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

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Staff.

Professors.—Classics—A. C. Paterson, M.A. English—C. W. Egerton, M.A. Mathematics—H. W. Segar, M.A. Modern Languages—M. Walker, M.A., B.Com. Chemistry—F. P. Worley, M.A., D.Sc., D.I.C., F.C.S. Physics—P. W. Burbidge, M.Sc., B.A. General Biology, Botany, and Zoology—J. Sperrin-Johnson, M.A., M.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., Litt.D. History and Economics—J. P. Grossmann, M.A. Law—R. M. Algie, LL.M. Philosophy—W. Anderson, M.A. Music—W. E. Thomas, Mus.Doc. Education—A. B. Fitt, M.A., Ph.D. Architecture—C. R. Knight, M.A., B.Arch., A.R.I.B.A. Agriculture—W. Riddet, B.Sc. Forestry—H. H. Corbin, B.Sc.

Lecturers, thirteen. Assistant lecturers, eight. Demonstrators, six.

REPORT (ABRIDGED).

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 1925 :—

Number of Students.—The number of persons who attended lectures in this College in 1925 was 1,020.

Staff.—During 1925 the teaching staff of the College was increased by the appointment of three new professors: Professor C. R. Knight, Architecture; Professor H. H. Corbin, Forestry; and Professor W. Riddet, Agriculture. The appointment of a full-time Professor of Architecture has resulted in a remarkable increase in the number of students attending the school, not the least satisfactory part of the increase being the number of full-time students. It is evident that the school is filling a long-felt need. Professor Corbin arrived in October, and spent the remainder of the year in becoming acquainted with forestry conditions in New Zealand. Professor Riddet also arrived in October, and has spent much time touring the country districts and getting in touch with the farmers.

Owing to changes in the regulations for the dental course adopted by the Senate, the subject of dental mechanics can now be taken in Auckland, and Mr. F. W. Craddock has been appointed lecturer in this subject.

In regard to the course in medicine, regulations were drafted which permitted the final year being taken at, amongst other centres, Auckland, and arrangements are in train in this regard.

Benefactions.—Messrs. Smith, Wylie, and Co. generously donated the sum of £2,000, spread over five years, to provide entrance scholarships in forestry. This handsome donation has enabled a number of students to embark upon the course for the degree in forestry, and is a most important factor in the success, already achieved, in the initiation of the school.

The Sir James Gunson Scholarship in Agriculture.—During the year a large number of public-spirited citizens of Auckland decided to mark their appreciation of the services rendered by the retiring Mayor, Sir James Gunson, and Lady Gunson, and with this end in view a presentation was made to them. A portion of the amount collected (£1,300) was generously handed over to the College Council by Sir James Gunson for the purpose of the establishment of the Sir James Gunson Scholarship in Agriculture. As a result of this munificent gift the Council was enabled to establish a post-graduate scholarship for research in agriculture or dairy science.

Workers' Educational Association.—The year 1925 witnessed an extension of the movement. Twenty-eight classes were held, one of which was discontinued owing to insufficient attendance. The number of students was 1,648, of whom 1,289 were effective. The average attendance per week numbered 980. In addition, there were held seven six-lecture courses, the enrolments of which were approximately 620. The financial situation was made satisfactory in consequence of a financial campaign and more generous responses from the District and Borough Councils. Two week-end camps were held during the year, attended by thirty and sixty people respectively. During the year Mr. N. M. Richmond, B.A., ex Rhodes scholar, was appointed as full-time tutor, and confined his tutorial activities mainly to the country. The College Council has continued to grant bursaries to Workers' Educational Association students. The bursars have continued to show exceptionally good records. Other activities of the association included a number of wireless lectures, installation of a separate telephone, formation of a Field Club, the purchase of a balopticon, and the holding of a dramatic-recital concert. It has been decided to stiffen up the standard of work, so that it is likely that the year 1926 will witness somewhat of a decline in numbers. The movement is entering into the years of continuous work after the initial period of renewed enthusiasm.