

In October Mr. Lewis Morrison, B.Sc. (Aberdeen) was appointed as Lecturer in Entomology in the Department of Biology. This appointment was rendered possible by the co-operation of the Canterbury Agricultural College at Lincoln, which appointed Mr. Morrison to a position on its staff. The work of both colleges will benefit by this arrangement.

Dr. Helen Simpson, M.A., Ph.D., has been appointed Lecturer in English in succession to the late Mr. T. W. Cane.

During the year Professor Blunt was granted six months' leave to visit England, Mr. J. F. D. White being appointed Acting-Professor during his absence. This was the first leave granted Professor Blunt since 1911.

Professor Tocker was granted leave to enable him to act as a representative of the New Zealand Government to the International Labour Conference at Geneva, Mr. G. Lawn being appointed Acting-Professor.

Dr. Beeby was also granted leave to pursue further researches in connection with experimental psychology in the United States.

The third annual conference of representatives of the four University colleges was held in Wellington during September last, with satisfactory results.

On the 20th March Commemoration Day was observed, when Professor Tocker gave an address on "Higher Education and Commerce."

On the 9th May degrees were conferred on the graduates for the year 1929 by the Rector, Dr. J. Hight, as deputy for the Chancellor of the University, the address on the occasion being delivered by Professor L. G. Pocock.

On the 14th August we had the honour of a visit from His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Bledisloe. His Excellency inspected the College buildings, including the laboratories and Students' Union building, and delivered an exceedingly interesting address to the students and staff in the College Hall.

Among other distinguished visitors during the year we had the pleasure of tendering a welcome to Dr. C. E. Martin, of the University of Washington, who delivered addresses on "International Relations."

It gives me great pleasure to report that during the year further amounts have been received from the Students' Association (£50), and from graduates, friends, and staff (£139 4s.) towards the Students' Union Building and Furnishing Fund, and from Butterworth and Co. a prize in the nature of books to the value of £5 5s.; the Canterbury Chamber of Commerce renewed its vote of £100, and our City Council also renewed its grant of a similar sum to the Museum.

The Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Gifford Trust, estate of late T. W. Cane, Mrs. J. H. Alabaster, the Rev. H. Northcote, Mr. J. H. E. Schroder, Misses Neave, Mrs. H. Sharp, and Mrs. E. Rosa Sawtell also gave gifts of books or equipment, for which our thanks are due.

*School of Forestry.*—From the report of the lecturer in charge it will be seen that satisfactory work continues to be done at the School. The fact that it is now the Dominion School of Forestry will act as a further incentive to the staff to maintain its high standard, and further extend its operations and influence.

*School of Engineering.*—From the report of the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering it will be seen that the School continues to do excellent work. There were 254 individual students attending lectures, of whom 124 were matriculated, and 130 evening and extra students.

*Workers' Educational Association.*—The work of the association continues to grow both in the towns and in the country districts as shown by the report of the Canterbury Centre. The total number of classes for 1929 were as under: Twenty-eight tutorial classes, with 1,214 students; twenty-five study circles, with 500 students; ten study groups, with 234 students—a total of 1,948 students, as against 1,641 in 1928. The executive and committee having charge of the work of the association are to be congratulated on the satisfactory results obtained.

*The Canterbury Adult Rural Scheme.*—An interesting development of general education for adults in rural communities has been made possible by the generous grant of £500 per annum for five years by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. A scheme was put forward to the Corporation by Professor Shelley, to conduct an experiment in University-extension work by means of a travelling tutor with a motor-car equipped for library and lecture purposes. The grant was subsidized pound for pound by the New Zealand Government, and the experiment is associated with the organization of the W.E.A. The scheme was launched early in 1930 with Mr. G. T. Alley, B.A., as tutor in charge. Two rural circuits were formed—one north of Christchurch as far as Hanmer, the other south-west out to Springfield—and centres on each of these were visited fortnightly. At some places a halt was made during the day for the exchange of books, while other centres were also given illustrated lectures in the evenings. Study circles have also been formed in several centres to link up with the W.E.A. box scheme. A report of the year's work was sent to the Carnegie Corporation, and a reply by the Corporation included the phrase, "We are delighted with the progress that has been made in so short a time." The work is being extended, and a more detailed account will be available next year.

Notwithstanding the economic conditions existing, with the consequent financial anxieties, the Board may be congratulated on the progress made. While we have not been able to carry out any of the larger schemes mentioned in my report of last year, the ordinary work of the College and our other institutions has been attended to and various improvements made.