

### 3. VICTORIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

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 Lecturers, twelve.

### REPORT (ABRIDGED).

PURSUANT to section 44 of the Victoria College Act, 1905, the Council presents the following report for the year 1931 :—

*The Work of the College: The Staff*.—We regret to have to record the death of Dr. F. G. Maskell while on leave in England in January last. The late Dr. Maskell was a distinguished biologist, and a kindly, courteous gentleman whose death is keenly felt by staff and students alike.

During Dr. Maskell's absence Miss Averil Lysaght, M.Sc., was appointed as temporary Assistant Lecturer in the Department of Biology, and arrangements have been made for her to continue as such until a permanent appointment is made.

During part of the year Professor Hunter and Professor Sommerville were absent in England, the former to represent the University of New Zealand at a Conference of the Universities of the British Empire, and the latter to attend the Centenary Meeting of the British Association, and the Faraday and Clerk Maxwell celebrations in London and Cambridge.

During the absence of Professor Hunter the work of the Philosophy Department was carried on under the direction of Dr. Sutherland.

Mr. F. F. Miles, M.A., with the assistance of Mr. D. McLeod, M.A., carried on the work of the Mathematics Department during the absence of Professor Sommerville.

*New Scholarships*.—By the will of the late Emily Lilius Johnston the sum of £2,000 was bequeathed to the College for the purpose of providing Scholarships to be shared equally by male and female students. The Professorial Board has drawn up regulations for such Scholarships, and these have been approved by the Council. It will, however, be some time before the estate is realized and the money paid over. Until this is done no Scholarships will be awarded.

*Weir Hostel*.—In our last report mention was made of the fact that on account of the withdrawal of the Government subsidy negotiations were proceeding with the contractors for a reduced building. These negotiations were completed, and a new contract was entered into for only one building in place of the two originally planned, though unfortunately several thousand pounds had already been spent on the building now abandoned. The building is now approaching completion, and will be ready for the reception of students for the 1933 session. We cannot but fear that the proposed closing of the training college will seriously affect the successful conduct of this institution.