

3. VICTORIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

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Lecturers, eleven.

REPORT (ABRIDGED).

PURSUANT to section 44 of the Victoria College Act, 1905, the Council presents the following report for the year 1932:—

The Work of the College: The Staff.—Dr. A. B. Wildman was appointed Lecturer in Zoology in place of the late Dr. Maskell.

Professor Adamson was absent during the year on account of ill health.

The Librarian, Mr. H. G. Miller, to whom a Library Fellowship was awarded by the Carnegie Corporation, was absent in the United States of America during the remainder of the year fulfilling the conditions of the Fellowship. Miss Phyllis Isaac, Assistant Librarian, has been in charge of the Library during Mr. Miller's absence. Miss Erica Baillie has been appointed temporary assistant for the same period.

Workers' Educational Association.—The activities of the Workers' Educational Association were successfully maintained throughout 1932, in spite of the severe restriction in regard to finance. No financial assistance is now being received from the Government, and the work was carried on largely by means of the emergency grant from the Carnegie Corporation and the grant from the National Endowment Fund.

A restricted programme of tutorial work was carried out in Wellington City and suburbs, and popular scientific lectures were given weekly to unemployed men at the Wayside Club. The Tutor-Organizer was able to report a successful year's work in his district. Two discussion courses, one on "New Zealand Problems" and one on "World Problems" were arranged, and proved highly successful, twenty-six groups being formed for study by this method. Forty-six groups used the box-scheme material hired from Canterbury College. The broadcasting activities of the association were considerably extended, and fifteen series of talks were given from Station 2YA.

The Training of Teachers.—As foreshadowed in last report, the Government closed the Wellington Training College at the end of the year. The students whose courses were incomplete were transferred to Auckland and Canterbury, and consequently this College suffered a considerable loss.

The loss of facilities for the training of teachers is a loss not merely to the College, but to the youth of this University district. Proposals are at present under consideration by the Council and the Professorial Board for the establishment of a training department similar to those in all the British Universities. Unless, however, this department is recognized and supported by the Government, as is done in Great Britain, it will necessarily be small, and will by no means repair the loss to the College or to the young people of the district.

Weir House.—Some sixty-five students are already in residence, and the Council is assured that the munificence of the late Mr. Weir has enabled it to provide a very valuable addition to the corporate life of this University College.