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Lecturers, nineteen.

REPORT. (EXTRACTS.)

As far as Canterbury College is concerned, the depression from which the Dominion has suffered has been met by rigid economy and a stern refusal to embark on expenditure, however pressing the need or justifiable the demand, if the resources to meet it were not readily available. The Council has steadfastly followed the policy of cutting its cloth according to its means—always a disagreeable business, but especially so when it would have been easy to create debt and leave it to the future to be met. The position, however, has been relieved in large measure by the generous and whole-hearted co-operation of the teaching and administrative staffs, and I cannot speak in too high terms of the loyalty displayed by them in the last three or four harassing years.

The disturbing decrease in endowment revenue is a convincing sign that we have reached the end of a period in the development of the College. In more prosperous years additions to the teaching staff and extensions of buildings have been met mainly out of ordinary revenue, but any further advances along that line are now impossible. The conclusion is inevitable that the changed circumstances have so affected, and will almost certainly continue to affect, the sources of the College's material support, that the demands for future development can be met only by increased grants from outside sources.

During the year the financial position of some of the tenants has been reviewed, and where the circumstances warranted reductions in rent were made or payments due were suspended. In some cases remissions of arrears of rent were made, and in nearly every instance where relief was afforded grateful acknowledgment was made by the tenant of the sympathetic attitude of the Council. As far as can be judged endowment revenue has now reached "base level," and with brighter prospects for the chief primary products it is expected that our tenants will be able to meet their rent commitments in full. There is, however, a large amount of arrears outstanding, and the Council must face the position that a large proportion will be irrecoverable.

In accordance with the provisions of the Canterbury University College Act, the annual election of members took place in June, when all the retiring members were re-elected. Mr. A. O. Wilkinson was reappointed by His Excellency the Governor-General; Colonel G. J. Smith by the members of Parliament in the Canterbury University District; Messrs. A. E. Flower and J. H. Schroder, by the District Court of Convocation; Mr. C. T. Aschman by the school-teachers; and Mr. W. P. Spencer by the School Committees.

At the annual meeting of the Council held in July Mr. C. T. Aschman was re-elected Chairman, and Mr. A. E. Flower, Deputy-Chairman.

During the year under review Mr. W. F. Robinson, who had held the position of lecturer in Surveying and Building Construction, resigned after twenty-five years' service. In addition to proved high qualifications as a lecturer Mr. Robinson retired with the splendid record of not having missed a single lecture throughout his long connection with the School of Engineering. Another serious loss to the staff of the school was the retirement of Mr. A. F. Morrison. For forty-three years Mr. Morrison held the post of lecturer in Mechanical Engineering, having shared in the credit accruing from the great progress made by the School of Engineering from its beginnings to the present time. By resolution the Council expressed its appreciation of the services rendered by both these highly efficient officers.

The vacancies created by the resignations were filled by the appointment of Mr. A. Lush as lecturer in Mechanical Engineering and Mr. C. O. Barnett as lecturer in Surveying and Building Construction. A list of other changes on the staff is to be found in the Rector's informative report.

The thanks of the Council are due to the Education Department and to the Board of Education for placing the services of three lecturers during the year 1934 at the disposal of the College when the Christchurch Training College was closed. I wish also to express the Council's appreciation of the fact that with the opening of the Training College at the beginning of 1935 we were allowed to retain the services of two of the lecturers, Mr. G. Jobberns as lecturer in Geography and Mr. A. J. Campbell as lecturer in Education.

Owing to the suspension of the School of Forestry, Mr. L. Morrison, Lecturer in Entomology, terminated his connection with that department. The Council expressed its regret that circumstances should have made such a course necessary, and recorded its appreciation of the work he had done during the five years of his appointment.

Members of the staff of the College granted leave during the year for study abroad were: Mr. C. E. Foweraker, Lecturer in Botany; Dr. D. B. Macleod, Lecturer in Physics; Mr. P. G. Bamford of the School of Engineering; and Dr. Broadhead, Lecturer in Classics. Each of these will resume duty during the 1936 session.