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Lecturers, twelve.

REPORT. (EXTRACTS.)

Staff.—The increase in staff that has been made possible by the additional Government grant has been very welcome and has increased the teaching power of the College. It is hoped that the five-year plan agreed upon will be carried out, for even at the end of this period, though there will have been a great improvement in staffing, the provision will still fall short of that which is provided in in universities in other parts of the British Empire.

New Buildings.—The pressure on accommodation through the increase in the number of students shows clearly that the additional space that will be provided by the buildings now being constructed will be used to the full almost immediately. The development of the library indicates that within the next two years at most more space must be provided for this essential part of the equipment of the College. This demand, together with the more limited use of the gymnasium brought about by the diminishing stability of that structure, makes the provision of a students' building extremely urgent. The present gymnasium was built thirty years ago by the students, who then numbered about four hundred. It has served the College well, but the time has arrived when the pressing needs of a body of over one thousand students demand a new building. When this has been provided the library will be able to use as stack rooms the ground-floor of the library wing now used by the Cafeteria and the Women's Common Room, as was originally intended.

Weir House.—The House accommodates eighty-eight students, but there is a long waiting-list even after room has been made by the retirement of a large number of the students who have been in residence for only three years. For the welfare of the House it is desirable that more of the older students should be able to remain, and for the welfare of the increasing number of students who are compelled to board in Wellington the need for further accommodation is urgent.

The report of the Warden shows that the House had a successful year both in health and achievement.

The House has now been open for five years, and it is necessary to frame a policy in regard to repair and redecoration. It seems best that this work should go on steadily year by year, for in this way there will be no general deterioration and the House will not be faced with a heavy bill in any one year. It is proposed each year to redecorate some of the rooms as far as it is necessary and in the order of the urgency of the work.

Workers' Educational Association.—The following are extracts taken from the annual report of the Tutorial Classes Committee for 1937 :—

“Enrolments for the district have totalled 2,148, as against 964 last year.

“The work has been carried on through the funds provided by the Government, by the University from the National Endowment Fund, and by the Carnegie Corporation, while the Wellington City Council, the Wellington Harbour Board, and the Macarthy Trust continued to support the movement. The tapering grant from the Carnegie Corporation will cease at the end of this year. This grant has been of very great assistance, especially during the difficult depression years, and the Committee would again place on record its appreciation of the generosity of the Corporation. It is pleasing to be able to report that the Government has recently made two grants in addition to its restored grant of £750 per annum—£250 for general purposes and £250 for tutorial work in Public Works camps. These grants will make it possible to consolidate and expand the work of the Association during the coming year.

“Good use has been made of the library by both city and country students. Thirty-five new books have been purchased, and gifts of books have been made by Messrs. W. A. Patterson and W. J. Shannon. The special library grant made by the Carnegie Corporation has now been exhausted, and future development will have to depend on expenditure from our ordinary fund. There are strong reasons for establishing a library for the use of country students at Palmerston North, and the Committee is at present considering what can be done in this direction.”