

One student, who entered two years ago for the Surveying Division only, has passed the required examinations, and will be entitled to the certificate of this division on presenting satisfactory evidence of having been engaged in six months' practical surveying work.

Seven students of from three to five years' standing have completed their studies with success in the subjects prescribed for all or several divisions, and have been granted the diplomas of Associateship and the certificates of the respective divisions. These students are: R. H. Walcott (gained the diplomas of Associateship of the Mining, Metallurgical, and Geological Divisions, and the certificates of the divisions of Surveying and of Metallurgical Chemist and Assayer), F. B. Stephens (gained the diplomas of Associateship of the Mining and Metallurgical Divisions, and the certificates of the divisions of Surveying and of Metallurgical Chemist and Assayer), Edward A. Paterson (gained the diplomas of Associateship of the Mining and Metallurgical Divisions, and the certificates of the divisions of Surveying and of Metallurgical Chemist and Assayer), W. Fulton (gained the diplomas of Associateship of the Mining and Metallurgical Divisions, and the certificates for the divisions of Surveying and of Metallurgical Chemist and Assayer), G. D. Ahern (gained the diplomas of Associateship of the Mining and Metallurgical Divisions, and the certificates for the divisions of Surveying and of Metallurgical Chemist and Assayer), P. Fitzgerald (gained the diploma of Associateship of the Metallurgical Division, and the certificate of Metallurgical Chemist and Assayer, having passed the required examinations, he will also be entitled to the diploma of Associateship of the Mining Division, and the certificate of the Surveying Division, on submitting satisfactory evidence of having been engaged for twelve months in practical work in mines, and for six months in surveying work); D. B. Waters (gained the diploma of Associateship of the Mining Division, and the certificate of the Surveying Division).

With these seven students and other five who, I was informed, do not intend to proceed, the School loses this year in all twelve students, ten only remaining; but notice has already been received of four new students, and thus there is some probability of the lost number being made up again for next year's session.

The attendance of the classes and the results of the annual examinations in the subjects specially belonging to the Mining School are shown in the following table:—

Subjects.	Attendance.	Entered for Examination.	Results of Examination.			
			1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	Failures.
Mineralogy	9	8	...	4	4	...
Petrography	7	6	1	2	3	...
General Geology	4	3	1	1	1	...
Palæontology	3	2	...	2	...	...
Mining	9	8	...	6	2	...
General Metallurgy	9	8	1	3	4	...
Special Metallurgy	8	7	3	3	1	...
Assaying, 1st course	9	9	7	2	...	...
Blowpipe Analysis	8	7	3	4	...	...
Surveying, 1st course	2	2	...	1	1	...
Surveying, 2nd course	8	8	2	4	2	...
Applied Mechanics, 2nd course	6	5	...	3	2	...

In addition to the classes in the above subjects, students, according to their standing, whether in their first, second, or third year, had also to attend the regular University classes in Mathematics, theoretical mechanics, theoretical physics, practical physics, theoretical chemistry, and practical chemistry; and one student, with the object of qualifying for the associateship in geology, also passed through the course in biology. With the exception of two students having failed in mathematics, no other failures are recorded in any of these subjects students respectively attended.

In compliance with the request of the Council, the Lecturers in Assaying and Surveying, Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Begg, announced by advertisement in the newspapers that they would hold evening classes in their respective subjects for students not able to attend the day classes. The result of this step was that for the evening class in assaying two new students entered, but for the evening class in surveying there was no response. Mr. Begg held, however, two classes—one in the morning, the other in the afternoon, for the convenience of the students.

The work done for the public during the year in assays and determinations of minerals by the Lecturer in Assaying, Mr. Wilkinson, was as follows:—

Charged for at Fixed Rates.

March 7th.—Five assays of granite for gold and silver; for Mr. A. Ferguson, Christchurch.

March 21st.—Assay of sample of iron garnet sand for tin; for Mr. W. Reid, Dunedin.

April 8th.—Assay of pyrites for gold; for Messrs. Donald Reid and Co., Dunedin.

July 20th.—Assay of pyrites for gold; for Mr. H. F. Boddington, Fairfield.

August 8th.—Two assays of two samples of pyrites for gold; for Mr. H. F. Boddington, Fairfield.

August 29th.—Assays of tailings from Globe Company, Reefton, for gold; for Mr. Thomas Brydone, Dunedin.

September 9th.—Assays of tin-ore; for Mr. T. Lyders, Dunedin.