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Napier ...	2	3	1	1	2	5	6	4	4	6	3
Wanganui ...	2	1	...	...	4	3	5	6	4	10	12
Wellington ...	8	10	9	20	14	10	13	5	11	19	24
Nelson ...	6	6	7	11	7	9	4	7	8	16	17
Blenheim ...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Timaru ...	5	2	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Auckland ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hokitika ...	...	..	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	25	22	17	33	31	27	28	22	27	51	56

So soon as the Victoria College is equipped with the necessary teaching staff, and lectures are commenced, it is only to be looked for that the yearly increase to our roll of graduates from the ranks of students exempted from attending lectures will very rapidly diminish.

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SCIENCE.

The total number of students attending lectures last term was eighty-nine, of whom eleven were matriculated and taking the course for the degree of B.Sc. in engineering.

The steady rate of increase in the number of students and the hour attendances is shown by the following, which gives the number of students during the first term of each year since the foundation of the school: Number of students—1890, 40; 1891, 58; 1892, 55; 1893, 53; 1894, 51; 1895, 61; 1896, 77; 1897, 87; 1898, 89. Number of hour attendances per week—1893, 219; 1894, 254; 1895, 308; 1896, 391; 1897, 426; 1898, 491.

At the University examinations of 1898 Mr. J. E. L. Cull succeeded in passing the final examination for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering, and Mr. C. N. B. Williams passed the third examination for the degree.

The number of students attending the different classes during the last term of 1898 was as follows: Freehand mechanical drawing, Section I., 33; freehand mechanical drawing, Section II., 27; elementary descriptive geometry, 25; descriptive geometry and the setting-out of work, 11; descriptive geometry (advanced), 9; mechanical drawing, Section I., 13; mechanical drawing, Section II., 22; mechanical drawing (advanced), 3; the steam-engine, 31; the steam-engine (advanced), 4; the locomotive, 1; applied mechanics, 4; mechanics of machinery, 3; strength of materials in construction and iron roof and bridge design, 2; theory of workshop practice, 6; engineering laboratory, 4.

Since the foundation of the department 324 students have attended the classes, of whom 237 have completed courses of varying lengths.

Positions of responsibility at Home and in the colonies to which past students have attained include the following: Engineers in charge of undertakings of magnitude, 4; works-managers, 2; lecturers in colleges and technical schools, 4; draughtsmen, 15; draughtsmen and surveyors, 6; shop foremen, 9; chargemen or leading hands, 4; engineers of sea-going vessels, 21; engineers in freezing-rooms, pumping-stations, &c., 9; and five have entered business on their own account; while the remainder, as far as is known, are employed as apprentices or journeymen at their trades.

The Engineering Laboratory.—During the year tests have been carried out for the Working Railways Department on New Zealand coals, timbers, and iron- and steel-work for bridges. For private firms tests were made on coals, oil, cement, wire cable, and hoisting gear.

Technical School.—At the annual examination of evening students the following certificates were obtained: In the steam-engine (elementary)—First class, 1; second class, 5. In applied mechanics (elementary)—First class, 1; second class, 1. In mechanics of machinery (elementary)—Second class, 2. In theory of workshop practice—First class, 1; second class, 1. In mechanical drawing (elementary)—First class, 6; second class, 4. In mechanical drawing—First class, 1; second class, 1. In mechanical drawing (more advanced)—Second class, 1. In freehand mechanical drawing—First class, 5; second class, 7. In descriptive geometry and setting out work—First class, 3; second class, 5.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

The work of the school has progressed satisfactorily on the whole during the past year. The number on the roll during the last term of the year was 126, but the average attendance both in the second and third terms was considerably lessened by the prevalence of an epidemic of measles. Altogether thirty-one pupils received free education at the school, sixteen holding scholarships or exhibitions from the Board of Governors, two receiving free education for the year from the Board of Governors, twelve scholarships from the North Canterbury Board of Education, and one a scholarship from the Christchurch Caledonian Society.

The reports of the outside examiners appointed by the Board to conduct the annual examinations show that the general average of the work done was quite up to that of previous years, but owing to the fact that there was only one pupil in the upper sixth form for every subject no pupil could be presented with any chance of success for the Junior University scholarship examination. Twelve pupils, however, passed the matriculation examination. Senior Board of Education scholarships were won by pupils who took second, third, and fifth equal places in the list. Two pupils sat for the Junior Civil Service examination, and succeeded in passing it. Six pupils also sat for the second-grade drawing certificate under the South Kensington Science and Art Department, but the results have not yet been published.