

Table of Attendances for the Year 1905.

Name of Subject.	First Term.	Second Term.	Third Term.	Average.
Junior mining	2	3	4	3
Senior mining	...	4	4	4
Mathematics	19	17	19	18
Theoretical surveying	3	5	6	5
Practical surveying	3	5	6	5
Geology and mineralogy	6	6	6	6
Theoretical chemistry	11	8	7	9
Practical chemistry	13	12	9	11
Wet and dry assaying	18	19	23	20
Metallurgy	7	6	7	7
Drawing	17	11	12	13
Electricity	16	14	19	16
Totals	115	110	122	117
Individual students	55	51	62	56

Examinations.

At the annual examinations held in December twenty-two students presented themselves, sending in altogether forty-two papers. The results are highly satisfactory, and show that sixteen first-class, seventeen second-class, and six third-class certificates were obtained. Mr. Robert Morgan's gold medal for the highest aggregate in any four subjects was won by R. J. Morgan, who obtained 82 per cent. in mathematics, 79 per cent. in metallurgy, 74 per cent. in assaying, and 78 per cent. in practical chemistry. Mr. F. M. Haszard's gold medal for the highest marks in mining subjects was won by G. Mackie, with first-class certificates in surveying and explosives, and second-class in mining, and pumping and winding.

Government Certificates.

During 1905 one student obtained a first-class mine-manager's certificate, one obtained a partial pass, and four students obtained battery-superintendents' certificates. The results for 1906, which are just to hand, show that two students have obtained first-class mine-managers' certificates and seven gained battery-superintendents' certificates. Since Waihi became a centre for examination—eight years ago—twenty-one students have passed as first-class mine-managers and thirty as battery-superintendents. In addition to these, two students have gained coal-mine-managers' certificates, and a number have gained second-class mine-managers' certificates and engine-drivers' certificates.

Laboratory.

During the year sixty-eight assays and analyses were made for the public, mostly determinations of gold and silver.

Mineral Collection.

The geological collections in the school have been supplemented by donations of specimens from several gentlemen. Mr. G. T. Jackson sent a representative collection of rocks from Upper Egypt; Captain Newdick presented some additional copper and lead minerals from north-east Rhodesia; Mr. C. Bull—a sample of the rather rare mineral tantalite from Western Australia; while among other donors may be mentioned Messrs. M. J. Stewart, R. B. McDuff, J. L. Gilmour, P. G. Morgan M.A., and W. Morrison.

Apparatus, &c.

A new bullion-balance for the use of senior students in assaying has been purchased, the Government making a special grant of £23 for that purpose. Several new books have been added to the reference library connected with the school, which is much used and appreciated by students. The library contains a fairly representative collection of standard works on subjects related to mining, but in order to keep it up to date further expenditure is necessary.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, I have to express my appreciation of the zeal and ability displayed by Mr. F. T. Seelye, A.O.S.M., assistant lecturer; Mr. R. H. Mitchell, drawing-master; and Mr. J. G. Lancaster, M.Sc., electrical instructor. I wish also to thank the Council and Secretary for their support and assistance during the year.