

C. REPORT OF THE VICTORIA COLLEGE, 1909.

(The Victoria College Act, 1897.)

[In continuation of E.-7, 1909.]

Visitor.—The Hon. the Minister of Education.*Members of Council.*

Appointed by His Excellency the Governor in Council—A. W. Hogg, M.P.; J. Graham, M.P.; W. H. Quick.
 Elected by members of the Legislature—C. P. Knight, LL.D.; C. Wilson; Heinrich F. von Haast, M.A., LL.B.
 Elected by members of Education Boards—A. T. Maginnity; the Hon. J. G. Findlay, M.L.C., LL.D.; R. McCallum.
 Elected by graduates—J. G. W. Aitken; A. R. Meek, M.A., LL.B.; H. H. Ostler, LL.B.
 Elected by public-school teachers—T. R. Fleming, M.A., LL.B.; Rev. W. A. Evans; C. Watson, B.A.
 Elected by the Professorial Board—E. T. D. Bell.

Staff.

Professors.—Classics—John Rankine Brown, M.A., St. Andrew's and Oxford. English Language and Literature—H. Mackenzie, M.A., St. Andrew's. Modern Languages—G. W. von Zedlitz, M.A., Oxford. Chemistry—T. H. Easterfield, M.A. Cambridge, Ph.D. Würzburg. Mathematics and Mathematical Physics—D. K. Picken, M.A. Biology—H. B. Kirk, M.A. New Zealand. Law—M. W. Richmond, B.Sc. Lond., LL.B. New Zealand, and J. Adamson, M.A., LL.B., Edinburgh, Dean of the Faculty. Mental Science—T. A. Hunter, M.A., M.Sc., New Zealand; Physics—T. H. Laby, B.A., Cambridge.
Lecturers.—Education—William Gray, M.A., B.Sc., New Zealand. Economics, History, and Geography—F. P. Wilson, M.A. Geology—C. A. Cotton, M.Sc., New Zealand. Demonstrator in Chemistry—F. J. McDowall. Demonstrator in Biology—Miss P. Myers, B.A. New Zealand.

Registrar.—C. P. Powles.

The REGISTRAR, Victoria College, to the Hon. the MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

SIR,—

Victoria College, Registrar's Office, Wellington, 7th June, 1910.

The past year has been one of progress in many directions. The number of students attending lectures—466—is the highest in the history of the College. There were, in addition, 93 exempted students. One hundred and ninety-eight students kept terms, and the following obtained degrees: M.A., 9; M.Sc., 1; B.A., 19; B.Sc., 2; B.Com., 1; LL.B., 3. The following passed sections of degrees: Mus.Bac., 1; B.Sc., 5; B.Com., 1; B.A., 35; LL.B., 33. Three gained Senior Scholarships.

Staff.—As indicated in our last report, the staff has been strengthened by the appointment of a Professor of Physics, Lecturers in Economics and Geology, and by assistants to the Professors of Classics, Modern Languages, Mathematics, and English. These appointments added considerably to the annual expenditure, but were absolutely necessary. The numbers in these classes are too large for the professors to do justice to them without assistance. The Professor of Chemistry, who previous to the appointment of the Professor of Physics taught the latter subject, is now able to increase the scope and usefulness of his own subject by adding a course in metallurgy. One of the rooms on the ground floor of the Science Building has been equipped for the purpose—rather barely, perhaps, but as well as the funds will permit. All the courses of previous years have been carried out as before in English language and literature, education, Latin, Greek, French, German, mental science, jurisprudence and constitutional history, law, political economy, history, mathematics, mechanics, chemistry, and biology.

Building.—The gymnasium begun last year has been completed, and was opened by the Hon. the Minister of Education. We owe this useful addition to the College to the energy and good college spirit of the students. They built and furnished the gymnasium entirely with money raised by themselves and by the subsidy thereon obtained from the Government. The building serves an excellent purpose, providing accommodation for the various clubs and societies for which there is no room in the main building. The cost of the building was £1,704.

A new wing on the west side of the Arts Building of the College has been added during the year at a total cost of £3,046. The money for this building has been raised partly by subscription promised and received—so far, £852—and by a subsidy of £2 for £1 given by the Government. We are endeavouring to raise by further subscriptions the balance necessary to earn the full Government subsidy. This building gives us two large and much-needed class-rooms, a common room, a robing-room, and a tea-room, the latter an absolute necessity in the circumstances of this College: many students hurry straight from their offices at 5 p.m. to the College, and attend lectures there until 8 or 9 p.m. The new wing which was erected and furnished by day-labour for a sum within £46 of the architect's estimate.

Two rooms on the top floor of the Arts Building, incomplete at the time of building the College, have now been lined and ceiled. One has been equipped as a geological laboratory and lecture-room. The money for these rooms was provided by the Unemployed Relief Committee and the pound-for-pound subsidy thereon from the Government, £400 in all. The furnishing of the other room, an alteration and subdivision of another room on the top floor suggested by the Professorial Board, and the conversion of the students' former common room into a suitable lecturers' room have had to be postponed until further funds are available.

Grounds.—The grounds have been improved during the year through the expenditure on them of money granted by the Unemployed Relief Committee, and the Government subsidy thereon. A sum of £860 was expended in all, chiefly in levelling and making approaches to the College. The grounds are now nearly in their permanent shape, but much turfing, grassing, and tree-planting is still necessary to make them sightly. But here, as elsewhere, the Council is hampered by lack of funds. The grounds around a University College ought to be attractive, but ours as yet are far from that.