

Mr. A. H. V. MORGAN, M.A., Director of the Waihi School of Mines, to the UNDER-SECRETARY OF MINES, Wellington.

SIR,—

Waihi, 15th March, 1915.

I have the honour to present my annual report upon the work done at the Waihi School of Mines during 1914.

*Attendance.*—The attendance for each of the three terms is shown in the following: First term, fifty-eight students; class attendance, 103. Second term, sixty-three students; class attendance, 110. Third term, forty students; class attendance, 74. Average, fifty-four students; class attendance, 96. The falling-off in the third term was largely due to the number of students volunteering for active service.

*Examinations.*—Eighteen candidates presented themselves for the written examinations, sending in forty-four papers, of which twenty-six gained first-class, seven second-class, and four third-class certificates. In addition, thirteen passes were recorded in the practical examinations out of fifteen entries.

I have much pleasure in stating that again one of our students has been successful in gaining a Government scholarship of the annual value of £50, tenable for three years at the Otago University, this distinction having been won by Albert Ellis.

The gold medal (value £2 2s.) presented by the President (Mr. Thomas Gilmour) for the highest aggregate in four subjects has this year been won by J. S. Cornes, with an average of over 77 per cent. Mr. Haszard's gold medal (value £2 2s.) for surveying was won by H. A. Ellis.

*Government Certificates.*—At the examination for Government certificates, held last March, three candidates from this school sat, and all three were successful. Mr. A. Burt secured a first-class coal-mine manager's certificate, and Messrs. E. J. Scoble and R. C. Ruffin first-class metal-mine manager's certificate. The two latter were the only successful candidates in New Zealand for this examination. Altogether thirty-six students of this school have obtained certificates as first-class metal-mine managers, four as first-class coal-mine managers, forty-two as battery-superintendents, and twenty-four as assayers of bullion under the Customs Department, while five have gained the Government scholarship.

In conclusion, I have again much pleasure in acknowledging the zeal and ability with which the members of the staff carried out their duties, and also the co-operation and assistance of the Council and the able and energetic Secretary.

I have, &c.,

A. H. V. MORGAN, Director.

Mr. W. A. GIVEN, M.A., Director of the Karangahake School of Mines, to the UNDER-SECRETARY, Mines Department, Wellington.

SIR,—

Karangahake, 17th February, 1915.

I have the honour to present my report on the work of the Karangahake School of Mines for the year ended the 31st December, 1914.

*Attendance.*—The average attendance for the year was twenty-one, and the class attendance forty-eight.

*Annual Examinations.*—Thirteen students presented themselves at the annual examinations, and obtained eighteen first-class, seven second-class, and four third-class certificates. F. Smale obtained the Government scholarship, having passed his final section. In the practical examinations there were six passes and one failure. The Council's prize for dry assaying and mathematics was won by L. Prendergast. Mr. Cassels-Brown's prize for electricity and mathematics was won by T. Hassett, whilst the prize for the most persevering student was won by E. D. White.

*School Library.*—The books kindly supplied by the Mines Department are of great use to both students and staff.

*Lecture.*—In connection with a very successful open night held during the year, my thanks are due to the Government Tourist Department for the loan of a number of splendid geological slides. My thanks are due also to the Director of the Waihi School of Mines for assistance rendered in the same connection.

*Laboratory.*—In all seventy-eight public assays were put through during the year.

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation of the work done by Messrs. E. C. Hindsfield, A.S.M.B., Assistant Director, and H. C. Tempest, electrical instructor, and Master T. Hassett, laboratory assistant. I wish also to thank the school Council for the interest they have taken in the school's welfare, and for the consideration they have shown to me personally.

I have, &c.,

W. A. GIVEN, Director.

Mr. H. LOVELL, Director of the Westport School of Mines, to the UNDER-SECRETARY OF MINES, Wellington.

SIR,—

Westport, 9th April, 1915.

I have the honour to present my report on the Westport School of Mines, and its branches at Ngakawau, Millerton, and Denniston, for the year ended the 31st December, 1914.

*Attendance.*—The average number of students for each term was forty-one, and the average class attendance was eighty-three. It will thus be seen that the average attendance for this year is similar to that of 1913. On Saturday mornings a teacher's science class, attended by twenty-one students, was held.