way for the city's needed eastern outlet. Temporary accommodation has to be provided for the classes in separate buildings, the scheme for 1918 involving great expense and inconvenience. The Council will do its utmost to overcome the grave difficulties of the crisis, but it remains with the Government to take action at the earliest possible date to remove the reproach of shockingly unworthy accommodation that rests upon the higher education in New Zealand's largest city.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington. T. W. LEYS, Chairman.

SCHOOL OF MINES.—REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (S. E. LAMB, B.SC. LOND., A.R.C.SC. LOND., A.M.I.M.E.).

The war continues to influence adversely the number of students attending the school, the figures for the last three years being 52, 50, and 39 respectively. Of the 39 students in attendance this year, 22 had matriculated and 12 were studying for the associateship course in engineering.

During the year one student passed the examinations controlled by the Institution of Civil Engineers (London), and is now a qualified engineer; whilst another student passed the preliminary examination of the same institution. A third student passed the examinations of the New Zealand Government for licensed surveyor.

ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE-SHEET.

STATEMENT OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE OF THE AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1916.

I. GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st January, 1916	9,617	9	2
From Government—			
Statutory grant	9,000	0	0
Material and apparatus	22	6	9
Capitation	79	1	3
National endowment	1,432	16	11
From University of New Zealand—			
Workers' Educational Association	300	0	0
Library	250	0	0
National endowment—			
Architecture	82	17	6
Science laboratories	82	17	6
Endowments—			
Auckland Education Reserves	732	10	3
Rents, &c., including £510 18s. 4d. from Endowments Sales Account	891	1	4
Subsidies—			
New Zeland Institute of Accountants	150	0	0
Government	150	0	0
Hall receipts (Choral Hall)	139	9	0
Music examinations	143	17	3
Annual examinations	69	16	6
Sale of calendars, &c.	4	7	3
Scholarships (School of Commerce)	10	0	0
Interest—			
Mortgages	291	12	6
Debentures	16	0	0
Savings-bank	6	2	3
Miscellaneous	79	11	1
Students fees, £2,729 10s., less refunds, £2 10s.	2,727	0	0
Sir George Grey Scholarship	50	0	0
	£26,328	16	6

Expenditure.				£	s.	d.
Salaries				10,997	4	6
Office expenses				44	9	5
Stationery				36	16	2
Printing				179	17	6
Advertising				46	1	3
Audit expenses				7	10	0
Cleaning, lighting, and warming				147	15	0
Power (electric)				4	17	9
Furniture and fittings				42	11	6
Water rates				14	16	6
Insurance				31	3	6
Interest and commission				7	11	9
Repairs				23	16	2
Additions				13	19	4
Lecture requisites				311	0	5
Library				362	6	10
Premiums				40	15	9
Music examination expenses				89	19	0
Annual examination expenses				14	19	0
School of music				9	12	6
Scholarships (School of Commerce)				10	0	0
Sir George Grey Scholarship				50	0	0
Miscellaneous				38	12	0
Workers Educational Association				300	0	0
Students fees (paid to six lecturers)				378	0	0
Endowment expenses				1	1	3
Balance, 31st December, 1916—						
Debentures	£400	0	0			
Mortgages	5,525	0	0			
Post Office Savings-bank	170	1	7			
Bank of New Zealand (current account, including architecture, £350, and science laboratories, £82 17s. 6d.	7,028	17	10			
				13,123	19	5
				£26 328	16	6

CHAS. M. NELSON, M.A., Registrar.

II. SEPARATE ACCOUNTS.

1. *Sinclair-Gillies Trust Account.*

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st January, 1916	3,992	14	7
Interest	195	13	9
	£4,188	8	4

Expenditure.				£	s.	d.
Scholarships				140	0	0
Advertising				5	4	0
Examination expenses				2	13	9
Balance, 31st December, 1916—						
Post Office Savings-bank	£212	15	1			
Auckland Savings-bank	377	15	6			
On mortgage	3,450	0	0			
				4,040	10	7
				£4,188	8	4