

REPORT.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS to the MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

SIR,—

Auckland University College, 17th June, 1918.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Auckland University College Act, 1882, the Council has the honour to make the following report for the year 1917:—

1. *Number of Students*.—The number of students pursuing studies at this College in 1917 was 503. Those attending lectures numbered 489, graduates, 8 (males 3, females 5); undergraduates, 267 (males 178, females 89); non-matriculated students, 214 (males 82, females 132). The number of students who were exempted from attendance was 14 (males 12, females 2).

2. *Council*.—No changes have taken place in the personnel of the Council, members retiring or resigning having been reappointed or re-elected unopposed. Under revised standing orders, Mr. T. W. Leys was re-elected on the 16th July Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

3. *Staff*.—On the 28th February the Rev. C. M. Nelson, M.A., retired from the registrarship, receiving the thanks of the Council for services rendered during nearly ten years. The Rev. A. B. Chappell, M.A., F.R.E.S., was appointed to succeed him. News was received in October that Mr. H. A. E. Milnes, B.Sc., Lecturer in Education (absent on leave with the Forces), had been killed in action in Flanders. The Council placed on record its high appreciation of Mr. Milnes's character and services. Mr. H. G. Cousins, M.A., continues to act as *locum tenens* in the lectureship. Mr. S. I. Crookes, M.I.E.E., M.Am.I.E.E., was appointed in February as *locum tenens* for Mr. W. Wilson, B.E., M.Sc., Lecturer in Electrical Engineering (released for munitions work in England). Some minor changes in the staff were occasioned by enlistments for service with the Forces.

4. *Receipts and Expenditure*.—General Account: Receipts, including balance of £13,123 19s. 5d. from 1916, £29,535 7s. 11d.; expenditure, £15,746 5s.; balance, £13,789 2s. 11d. Sinclair-Gillies Trust Account: Receipts, including balance of £4,040 10s. 7d. from 1916, £4,117 4s. 7d.; expenditure, £140; balance, £3,977 4s. 7d. Sinclair Bequest: Receipts, including balance of £32 12s. 10d. from 1916, £34; expenditure, nil; balance, £34. Endowments: The income from the endowments was £1,223 10s. 7d.; expenditure, £3 3s.; balance, £1,220 7s. 7d. New buildings: Expenditure on account, £1,713 16s. 2d. Temporary accommodation: Expenditure on account, £1,042 2s. 3d.

5. *Degrees and Honours*.—At the November examinations of 1917 the following successes were gained by students of the College: Master of Arts, 1; Master of Science, 1; Bachelor of Arts (final section), 10; Bachelor of Arts (first section), 16; Bachelor of Science (final section), 1; Bachelor of Science (first section), 5; Master of Laws, 1; Bachelor of Laws (final section), 2; Bachelor of Laws (preliminary section), 17; Bachelor of Music, 1. The honours list comprises—First class (botany), 1 third class (Latin), 1; third class (French), 1. University Senior Scholarships, 3 (English, economics, and botany).

6. *A School of Architecture*, with a staff of two part-time lecturers, one of whom acts as Director of the school, was established during the year. The Schools of Music, Commerce, Mining, Engineering, and Architecture were attended during the year by the following numbers of students: School of Music, 43; School of Mining Engineering, 39; School of Commerce, 63; School of Architecture, 11.

7. *Workers' Educational Association*.—During the year the activities of the Workers' Educational Association in this University district were vigorously maintained. Ten classes were conducted, eight of them in the city and suburbs, one in Hamilton, and one in Whangarei. Seven were studying economics, one industrial history, one hygiene, and one a debating and literary course. Six of the classes completed a three-years course, two were in their second year, and two in their first year. Three of the classes organized occasional public lectures, and a short series of lectures on law was independently given. Five popular scientific lectures, illustrated by cinematograph films, were delivered publicly under the auspices of the association.

8. *Accommodation*.—During 1917 a more momentous change had to be effected in College accommodation. In order to provide a route for a needed eastern outlet for the city's traffic the Auckland City Council took the property, with others, under the Public Works Act, in 1914, and in 1917 the work of making the new road, surveyed right through the College buildings, was so far advanced as to necessitate the College authorities making altogether fresh arrangements for housing the College. The time was quite inopportune, owing to the financial restrictions imposed by the war. No permanent site was available, no Government grant could be made, and the prospect of securing suitable accommodation was slender indeed. However, at this critical juncture the old Grammar School building in Symonds Street became vacant, and the generosity of the Grammar School Board placed it at the disposal of the University College. Nothing better than an annual lease of it could be given, but in their difficult situation the College authorities felt justified in securing that limited tenure and spending about £2,000 in adapting the building to its new use. Even this arrangement could not meet the requirements of all College activities, and the Choral Hall site had to be used as well. On the latter a two-story brick building had to be erected to accommodate the sciences of physics, chemistry, biology, and geology. This structure, the contract price for which was £14,767 without fittings or scientific equipment, will doubtless be a permanent portion of the ultimate home of the College. Its design is not ideal, for consideration of economy forced the College authorities to incorporate in it a large part of the existing hall; but it will serve for many years to come, and the comparative adjacency to it of the Grammar School property has simplified somewhat the temporary solution of