

REPORT.

The VICTORIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE COUNCIL to the MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

Victoria University College, Wellington, 1st July, 1919.

In pursuance of section 44 of the Victoria College Act, 1905, the Council presents the following report for the year 1918-19 :—

Number of Students.—The number of students attending lectures during the year was 371, made up as follows :—

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Matriculated	151	151	302
Non-matriculated	20	49	69
	171	200	371

There were in addition thirty-eight exempted students—twenty men and eighteen women.

During the years of war the number of men students has greatly decreased, while the number of women has continued to enjoy a normal growth. With the end of the war there is likely to be a great accession in the number of men students, due both to the fact that they will not be withdrawn for war service and partly to the return of soldiers from the front. The following comparative numbers show the variations in the last five years :—

	Number of Students on the Roll.		
	Men.	Women.	Total.
1914	243	134	377
1915	232	151	383
1916	162	161	323
1917	148	172	320
1918	171	200	371
1919 (June)	285	233	518

Degrees and Scholarships.—The following degrees were gained : Master of Arts, 12 (11 with honours) ; Bachelor of Arts, 27 ; Bachelor of Science, 4 ; Bachelor of Laws, 8 ; Bachelor of Arts (first section), 40 ; Bachelor of Science (first section), 14 ; Bachelor of Laws (sections), 17 ; Bachelor of Commerce (sections), 2. Students of this College won the Senior University Scholarships in pure mathematics, philosophy, and economics, and also the John Tinline Scholarship.

Staff.—The Chair of Modern Languages has been vacant since 1916. Provision for carrying on the work was made by the appointment of the assistant, Mrs. MacPhail, as Lecturer in French, and Miss M. Baker, M.A., as Lecturer in German. On the death of Mrs. MacPhail at the beginning of session 1918 Mr. J. Thompson, M.A., was appointed Lecturer in French. These appointments were renewed for another year. In 1918 the subjects history and economics were placed under separate lecturers, Mr. F. P. Wilson, M.A., F.R.E.S., the lecturer in these two subjects, remaining in charge of history, and Mr. B. E. Murphy, M.A., B.Com., LL.B., being appointed Lecturer in Economics. This arrangement was made necessary by the growth of these subjects, and in view of the proposed institution of a School of Economics, for which the Council has been accumulating funds provided by the Macarthy Trust and supplemented by the National Endowment Fund from the Senate. The department of physics, which was deprived of its head owing to the absence of Professor Marsden on military service, has been carried on during the last session and a half under the able direction of Dr. H. Clark, A.M., M.S., Ph.D., of Harvard University. Before the Armistice occurred his appointment was renewed for another year.

Extension of College Buildings.—The anticipated influx of students consequent on the end of the war will occasion very great congestion in the College buildings, and it has become a matter of great urgency to provide additional accommodation. Plans have been prepared for the completion of the north wing, a new and much-needed Physics Laboratory, and a Biological Museum. The plans for the north wing provide for a complete library with a large reading-room and librarian's accommodation ; several class-rooms, including accommodation for the new Professor of Economics, and lecturers' rooms ; a new tea-room ; common-rooms and cloak-rooms for students. This would set free in the old building much-needed additional accommodation for physics, biology, and geology, and for lecture-rooms, offices, and cloak-rooms.

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Chairman, Victoria University College Council.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PROFESSORIAL BOARD, VICTORIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, 1918 (ABRIDGED).

The Professorial Board begs to submit the annual report for 1918 :—

Students and Classes.—The number of students in attendance at classes during the session was 371, of whom 171 were men and 200 were women, as against 320 the previous year. There were thirty-eight exempted students—twenty men and eighteen women.

College Terms.—First-year terms were kept by eighty-two students, second-year terms by fifty-four students, third-year terms by thirty-one students, and fourth-year terms by one student.

University Degrees and Scholarships.—The following gained degrees and sections of degrees at the University examinations, 1917 : Thirty-seven students passed the first or intermediate section of their Bachelor's degree ; twenty-six obtained their Bachelor's degree—in arts eighteen, in commerce two, in law six ; and seven students (of whom five gained honours) obtained their Master's degree. Three Junior