

Applicants are required to make a declaration that they will on completion of their course engage in teaching for not less than three years.

The term of a bursary is two (or possibly three) years. The bursar receives £20 per annum, together with the fees for the course for the degree or the diploma in home science and domestic arts, and if obliged to live away from home an allowance of £30 per annum. A large hostel is provided at which the great majority of the students reside.

Bursaries of this kind were awarded to sixteen students in 1919, making in all forty-three bursars in attendance at classes. Sixty-three students were taking either the degree or the diploma course in 1919 and four were taking special short courses, seven degree and nine diploma students finishing their course in that year. All of these were immediately offered good positions. Although the number completing the course increases each year, there are still insufficient applicants to fill the positions open to women with a domestic-science training.

Agricultural Bursaries.

A system has been in operation since 1917 under which agricultural bursaries may be granted by the Education Department to qualified candidates in order to enable them to obtain the necessary practical training for positions as teachers, or agricultural instructors, or as farmers. After the completion of their training the bursars are under a legal obligation to serve for a term of three years in one or other of these capacities.

The qualification for a bursary is Matriculation or a higher or lower leaving-certificate, and candidates are preferred who have received agricultural instruction during their secondary-school course. In addition, ex-students of teachers' training colleges who desire to specialize in the teaching of agriculture may obtain bursaries to enable them to receive the necessary training in agriculture. Agricultural bursaries are tenable at an experimental farm, an agricultural college, or other approved institution for two years, with a possible extension to a third year. Bursars receive an allowance of £20 per annum with free tuition, and if obliged to live away from home a lodging-allowance of £30 per annum.

During 1919 nine agricultural bursars were in attendance at Lincoln Agricultural College, and one at Auckland University College. Seven of the bursars at Lincoln were in their second year, and the bursar at Auckland was in his third year, having spent the two previous years at the Central Development Farm, Weraroa. In almost every case the reports on the work of the bursars were highly satisfactory. The expenditure by the Department on agricultural bursaries in 1919 was £608.

War Bursaries.

Regulations made in January, 1918, provided for the award of bursaries at secondary schools, technical schools, and University colleges to the dependants of killed or disabled members of the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces. By the provisions of these regulations such a dependant who is qualified to receive a University bursary or an educational bursary as described above may receive in addition an allowance of £10 per annum, together with a boarding-allowance of £30 per annum if obliged to live away from home while attending a University college. No war bursaries tenable at University colleges have as yet been awarded.

THE WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The Workers' Educational Association, working in conjunction with the Councils of the four University colleges, has established a large number of classes for men and women in such subjects as economics, history, literature, psychology, and hygiene. Members of the staffs of the University Colleges and other prominent educationists act as tutors of the classes, which are steadily growing in number and popularity. The University of New Zealand distributed portion of the income from the National Endowment Fund paid to it by the Government to the four colleges for the promotion of this work, three colleges receiving £300 each and the fourth £350. In addition, by the provisions of the University Amendment Act of 1919, each college is to receive an annual grant of £500 for the same purpose. Otherwise the Workers' Educational Association is supported financially by grants from local and trades bodies.