

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

Visitor.—The Hon. the Minister of Education.

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Appointed by the Auckland Education Board—James Boddie, Esq.

Staff.

Professors.—Classics—A. C. Paterson, M.A. English—C. W. Egerton, M.A. Mathematics—H. W. Segar, M.A. Modern Languages—M. Walker, M.A., B.Com. Chemistry—F. P. Worley, M.A., D.Sc., D.I.C., F.C.S. Physics—P. W. Burbidge, M.Sc., B.A. General Biology, Botany, and Zoology—J. Sperrin-Johnson, M.A., M.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., Litt.D. History and Economics—J. P. Grossman, M.A. Law—R. M. Algie, LL.M. Philosophy—W. Anderson, M.A. Music—W. E. Thomas, Mus.Doc. Education—A. B. Fitt, M.A., Ph.D.

Lecturers, ten. Assistant lecturers, six. Demonstrators, six.

Registrar.—M. Roche O'Shea, Esq., B.Com.

REPORT (ABRIDGED).

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 1924:—

Number of Students.—The number of persons who attended lectures in this College in 1924 was 998: graduates, 60 (male 48, female 12); undergraduates, 746 (male 546, female 200); non-matriculated students, 192 (male 123, female 69). The number of students who were exempted from attendance was 105 (male 96, female 9). The total number of students undertaking study during the year was 1,103 (male 813, female 290). Students giving their full time to study, 150 (male 86, female 64).

The Council.—During the year the Council sustained a serious loss in the death of Dr. T. W. Leys, a member of the Council from 1910, and Chairman from 1916 to 1920. The loss, not only to the College but to education generally, is a very serious one. Another member whose service to the Council had extended over a period of twenty-three years, the Rev. J. H. Simmonds, resigned. The vacancies on the Council were filled by the election of E. H. Northcroft, Esq., and the appointment of C. Rhodes, Esq.

Staff.—At the beginning of the year Professor Paterson, M.A., and Professor Fitt, M.A., Ph.D., took up the work of the Chairs of Classics and Education respectively. Lectures in journalism were initiated, Mr. Mulgan being appointed lecturer. Assistant lecturers were appointed in the following departments: Miss D. L. Miller, M.A., Modern Languages; Mr. G. H. Munro, M.Sc. (lecturer and demonstrator), Physics; Mr. H. W. Shove, B.Com., Accountancy; Mr. R. W. Shepherd (workshop instructor), Engineering. It was also decided to institute a Chair in Architecture: applications were called, and Mr. C. R. Knight, B.Arch., A.R.I., B.A., was appointed.

Receipts and Expenditure.—General Account: Receipts, including cash balance of £26,664 8s. 6d. from 1923, amounted to £91,794 2s. 11d.; expenditure, £60,640 15s. 11d.; balance £31,153 7s. Included in this expenditure are amounts advanced by the College Council towards the cost of the Arts Building. Sinclair-Gillies Scholarships Trust Account: Receipts, including balance of £706 14s. from 1923, £1,035 5s.; expenditure, £742 16s.; balance, £292 9s. Sinclair Bequest: Receipts, including balance of £43 14s. 7d. from 1923, £45 13s. 3d.; expenditure, nil; balance, £45 13s. 3d.

Workers' Educational Association.—The number of tutorial classes in 1924 was ten; non-tutorial courses, sixteen; short courses, twelve; with a total enrolled membership of over 1,644, an increase of over 900 students on the previous year. Such a growth is most encouraging, particularly in view of the fact that the financial situation on the District Council was more favourable than in 1923, though there was a deficit on the College Council side. The financial situation is more than encouraging in view of the increased grant of £1,000 to the Dominion Council, £250 of which is available for Auckland. The Social Club again met monthly on Saturday evenings, and with considerable success. Two week-end camps were held during the year. The University College decided to grant two bursaries to entitle successful applicants to free University tuition for three years. The bursars have done exceptionally fine work. In view of the rapid expansion it was decided to appoint a new full-time tutor, whose work, in addition to organizing in the city, should be confined mostly to the country. The position at the end of the year was most healthy, the spirit of the association excellent, and the promise for the future encouraging.

Arts Building.—The new Arts Building and Students' Club-house are now nearing completion, and should be available before the end of the present year, 1925. These are now considered a notable addition to the architecture of the City of Auckland.