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EXTRACT FROM THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

I now have the honour to place before you the fifty-second annual report of the Chairman of the Board.

The year 1924 has been one of quiet development of the institutions controlled by the Board. The rise in the price of our primary products has made the income from our numerous endowments secure, and has also enabled many, who otherwise could not have afforded the benefit of the education supplied by the Board, to attend one or other of our teaching institutions.

Finance.—(1.) College: The revenue on the College Maintenance Account was £35,709, being £2,507 more than in 1923, and the total payments £32,050, being £1,228 more than last year. Revenue exceeded payments by £3,659. The principal items of income were—Rents, £15,479; fees, £6,419; Government grants, £2,904; national endowment, £3,097; boarding fees, £4,890; and transfers from other departments, £4,568. Payments include—Salaries, £19,802; interest, £848; College library, £465; Workers' Educational Association, £350; contributions to School of Engineering, £906 10s.; hostels, £4,831; and apparatus, £964. The debit balance of the College Buildings and Sites Account was reduced by £4,217, and now amounts to £8,173.

(2.) School of Engineering: The total revenue of the School of Engineering was £9,547, being £508 less than last year, and the total payments were £8,207, being £370 more than last year. The revenue exceeded the payments by £1,340. There was a small decrease of £202 in fees, the total amount received being £2,102. Government grants were £4,712. A small payment of £250 was made on account of the new buildings.

During the year the Senate of the University recognized Canterbury College as a School of Forestry, and the Government authorized a grant of £1,000 per annum towards its maintenance. The Board took immediate steps to establish a school, and appointed a full staff for the session of 1925. I am glad to report that the school is now in existence and students are attending its courses.

The Board has instituted a system of tree-planting on its reserves that it is hoped will add to their value in years to come.

A Faculty of Music was established during the year, and there is no doubt but that the College will have to develop and increase this faculty in the near future when the funds of the Board permit.

The first Wilding Memorial Lecture was delivered during the year by John Adams, Emeritus Professor of Education in the University of London.

As soon as funds permit the Board must erect more buildings, the necessity for which is more apparent every year. Amongst other requirements are a suitable lecture-room, Students' Union buildings, and a large room where future lectures can be given. Sooner or later the School of Art must be removed to more suitable premises and the existing accommodation absorbed by the University. I hope that the Boys' High School buildings will be absorbed by the College next session. Even this accommodation is inadequate for our requirements. In many ways it is an excellent sign that the buildings should be inadequate, as it shows that the demand for University education is increasing, and the College is obtaining fullest support and confidence. The College should endeavour to serve all sorts and conditions of men, and it is especially desirable in a democratic community such as ours that the University should serve all classes and have the respect of the whole community.

The College hostels are both full to overflowing, and it is in connection with suitable buildings for these institutions that the Board would greatly welcome financial assistance from private citizens. In the United States a continuous stream of gifts pours into the exchequer of the older Universities, but for some reason or other the settlers of Canterbury do not appear to have recognized the necessity of assisting higher education by gifts in their lifetime or by will.

Workers' Educational Association.—The number of classes held in 1924 was twenty-five, but two of these were not under the control of the Tutorial Class Committee. The number of recognized classes therefore was twenty-three, with an enrolment of 885 students, the average attendance being 537. The decrease in classes was due to the association's inability to maintain a tutor on the West Coast.