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Certificate Recommendations.—On the basis of University and College examination results I have made the following recommendations for second-year students: Nine students for the B certificate, eighty-eight for the C certificate, sixteen for credit towards C in four subjects, four for credit in three subjects, two for credit in two subjects, and one for credit in one subject. Many of those who have been recommended for a full C certificate will be entitled to promotion to B as soon as the results of the New Zealand University examinations are available. Most Division D students have completed their D certificate and made some progress towards qualifying for the C certificate. All Division C students have been recommended for B certificate. It is expected that as soon as New Zealand University results are available, all third-year students will be entitled to B certificates.

General.—The conduct of students, both while in class and at other times, continues to be highly satisfactory. Most students work diligently, and many not only study and teach satisfactorily, but take a commendable interest in College life as a whole, including sports and social functions. No student is considered to have fully discharged his obligations to the College who does not support the Students' Association and make some contribution towards the general good. Every student should

be a member of one or more of the College clubs.

Sports.—All students, except those constituting the College orchestra, engaged in organized games on Thursday afternoons for the greater part of the year. The ladies played basketball or hockey, the men Rugby football or hockey. In addition to these we had regular swimming and life-saving practices for all students at the Y.M.C.A. baths, under the direction of Mr. Hanna, assisted by Mr. Roydhouse and Miss Dickson. The swimming lessons covered a period of ten weeks—the seniors practising on Thursday afternoons, the juniors on Friday forenoons. Besides these regular sports arranged for in the College time-table, sections of students practised tennis, fives, boxing, &c., at such times as they found it convenient.

Social Life.—The usual functions, including welcome and farewell picnics, socials, and dances,

were held, and were organized and controlled by the students' executive.

Experiments and Innovations.—The most noteworthy of these was, perhaps, the third-year-student group. For the first time in the life of the College (which has now been in existence for fifty-two years) specially selected students were allowed to remain a third year at the Training College, with a view to their qualifying as teachers of science or mathematics. Sixteen students were selected. Of these, ten have kept University terms in chemistry, nine in physics, nine in mathematics (four at the advanced stage), one in botany, six in French, and one in mechanics. In addition, several studied the advanced stage of English, French, history, and education. Their University record was very creditable, there being only two failures out of a possible fifty-seven. These students practised teaching in the Normal and Associated Normal Schools, as well as in the Technical College and the Boys' and Girls' High Schools. In sports these sixteen students took a prominent part. Among them were found some of our strongest representatives in football, basketball, hockey, swimming, boxing, and debating.

Specialization.—A beginning was made in this department. In the past it has been our aim to turn out teachers who might be described as general practitioners. In future this will continue to be our main business, but we shall also endeavour to send out some teachers especially qualified to deal with particular aspects of school-work, such as singing, drawing, agriculture, science, handwork,

geography, history, infant-room work, &c.

Visits of Staff.—Members of the staff, as opportunity arose, have been visiting some of the city schools, and keeping in close touch with the work being done in the different subjects. It is safe to

say that in most cases benefits have been both received and conferred.

Physical Instruction.—For the past five or six months experiments in connection with physical instruction have been carried out by Mr. White, assisted by Miss Tuckwell and Miss Dickson, and a group of students specially selected and trained. Considerable enthusiasm has been shown by all concerned, including several standards of Normal School pupils.

Swimming.—This year a course in swimming and lite-saving was compulsory for all students. At the beginning of the course, fifty ladies and fifteen men reported as being unable to swim. At the end of the course all these, with the exception of three ladies, had learnt swimming. Others had learnt to dive, while the remainder had improved both in diving and swimming, and all had received instruction in life-saving.

Needs of the College.—It is hoped that additional accommodation, including art-room, handwork-

room, and workshop, will be ready for occupation at the beginning of next session.

Thanks.—I wish to tender my sincere thanks to all who have contributed towards the success of the College during the past year. Special reference might be made to the staff of the Training College; staffs of the Normal and Associated Normal Schools; numbers of other teachers—primary, secondary, and technical—who assisted in the practical training of students; the students' executive, which controlled social functions and assisted generally; and the Education Board, whose support and prompt assistance in many matters of vital interest is much appreciated.