

2. AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

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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. C. Sperrin-Johnson, M.A., M.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., Litt.D. Economics—H. Belshaw, M.A. History—J. P. Grossmann, M.A. Law—R. M. Algie, LL.M. Philosophy—W. Anderson, M.A. Architecture—C. R. Knight, M.A., B.Arch., A.R.I.B.A., A.N.Z.I.A. Forestry—H. H. Corbin, B.Sc. Education—A. B. Fitt, M.A., Ph.D. Music—W. E. Thomas, Mus. Doc.

Lecturers, twenty-four. Demonstrators, six.

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 1927 :—

Number of Students.—The number of persons who attended lectures during 1927 was 1,293 (male 906, female 387); the number of students exempted from attendance at lectures was 162 (male 119, female 43): a total of 1,455, being an increase of 185 students for the year.

Staff.—Early in the year Professor Belshaw arrived from England and took over the work of the Chair of Economics, which Professor Grossmann had carried on until his arrival. It was also decided that assistant lecturers should be appointed to the Professors of Mathematics and Economics, and accordingly Mr. K. E. Bullen, M.A., and Mr. H. R. Rodwell, M.A., were appointed respectively. Professor Egerton (English) and Professor Fitt (Education) were absent on Sabbatical leave.

Agriculture.—The Sir John Logan Campbell Chair of Agriculture was transferred to the Massey Agricultural College, which was opened for students at the beginning of March, 1928.

Library.—Accessions amounted to 3,090 volumes. Among these were 1,200 volumes ordered by the various departments—the engineering and economics libraries in particular were largely added to; 800 volumes were from the Fowlds collection, donated in 1926; 750 were admitted to the medical section of the College library. This medical library, established through the generosity of the New Zealand Branch of the British Medical Association and Auckland Clinical Society, which contributed £140 for the year to its upkeep, is composed of new books purchased from the Medical Library Fund, together with works handed over by the British Medical Association, the New Zealand Institute and Museum, the Mental Hospital, and by various members of the medical profession. In addition, the St. John's College medical library, comprising some 400 volumes, has been deposited with the College medical library.

Donations to the main library total some 230 volumes, among which were a valuable law library donated by Mr. Seth-Smith, and forty volumes purchased by the Auckland University College Economics Students' Association.

Workers' Educational Association.—During 1927 the number of classes in the city was seventeen, together with three others controlled by the city organization. The classes controlled by the Hamilton tutor-organizer numbered one full course and ten short courses. Enrolments under the first heading totalled 1,135, with an average attendance of 706. Under the second heading the figures were 573 and 339 respectively. Total enrolments were therefore 1,708, and average attendance 1,045. Both these figures show an increase over those for 1926. Outside the formal class-work the activities of the Social and Field Clubs have again been important. The second summer school for the district was held at Hamilton Technical School, and served as an inspiration to both old and new members. The merits of those who applied for University bursaries again made necessary an extra award. It may be noted that one of those awarded a bursary was from the Waikato district. The bursary system has received a notable recompense in the winning of the senior scholarship of the University in economics by one of the Workers' Educational Association bursars, Mr. J. O. Shearer. The work in the Waikato district was for the first time organized from Hamilton, and the first experimental year has been promising. The problems before the movement are largely financial, the demand for the work far exceeding the available supply of tutors and equipment.