

3. VICTORIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

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Staff.

Professors.—Classics—J. Rankine Brown, M.A. (St. Andrews and Oxford), Hon. LL.D. (St. Andrews), (Dean of Arts Faculty). English—H. Mackenzie, M.A. Modern Languages—E. J. Boyd-Wilson, M.A. Philosophy—T. A. Hunter, M.A., M.Sc. History—F. P. Wilson, M.A., F.E.S. Economics—B. E. Murphy, M.A., LL.B., B.Com., F.E.S., F.S.S. Education—W. H. Gould, M.A. Mathematics—D. M. Y. Sommerville, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S.E., F.N.Z.Inst. Biology—H. B. Kirk, M.A., F.N.Z.Inst. Physics—D. C. H. Florance, M.A., M.Sc. Chemistry—P. W. Robertson, M.A., M.Sc., Ph.D. (Dean of Science Faculty). Geology—C. A. Cotton, D.Sc., A.O.S.M., F.G.S. Law—J. Adamson, M.A., LL.B. (Dean of Law Faculty); J. M. E. Garrow, B.A., LL.B. Agriculture—G. S. Peren, B.S.

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REPORT (ABRIDGED).

PURSUANT to section 44 of the Victoria College Act, 1905, the Council presents the following report for the year 1927 :—

The number of students attending classes in 1927 was 809, an increase of sixty-four on the numbers for 1926. Under this head it is to be noted that this College still suffers from the policy of the Education Department in transferring many of our students to other University districts under the scheme for training colleges.

Senior Scholarships were awarded as follows : Frances E. Rainforth (Latin), A. C. Keys (Greek), Jean H. Mather (English—Tinline), A. E. Campbell (Education), D. J. Donald (Philosophy), F. W. G. White (Physics), R. A. Robbie (History—special scholarship), I. J. Cunningham (Chemistry—special scholarship). A Cecil Rhodes Scholarship was awarded to J. F. Platts-Mills, LL.B. A National Research Scholarship was awarded to E. Beaglehole to undertake research in industrial psychology. E. Beaglehole and F. G. Spurdle were awarded Post-graduate Scholarships in Arts, and free passages were also awarded to E. Beaglehole and F. G. Spurdle. Jacob Joseph Scholarships were awarded to G. M. Richardson, M.Sc., and C. E. Scott, LL.M. The Sir George Grey Scholarship was awarded to R. M. Dolby. The Lissie Rathbone Scholarship was awarded to Miss Peggie Metson. Miss Hilda G. Heine, M.A., Ph.D., has been awarded a Sarah Anne Rhodes Fellowship.

The Work of the College.—Changes in staff : Dr. J. Sword of the University of Glasgow, who has been assistant and demonstrator in the Chemistry Department on exchange, has returned to Scotland. Mr. A. D. Monro has returned and has resumed his duties. Professor C. A. Cotton has left for a year's vacation in Europe. His place has been filled for the year by Dr. J. Marwick. Miss Marwick, assistant to the Professor of Physics, has been granted a year's leave in order to visit England. Temporary arrangements have been made to carry on during her absence.

Librarian : The Rev. B. H. Ward has resigned after many years of useful service, and his place has been filled by the appointment of Mr. H. G. Miller, M.A., a graduate of the College.

Honours : Professor J. Rankine Brown—Hon. LL.D., St. Andrews. Professor C. A. Cotton—Hector Medal and Prize, 1927 (geology). Professor D. M. Y. Sommerville—Hector Medal and Prize, 1928 (mathematics).

Library : There have been 924 accessions during the year, at a cost of £628 5s. 7d. Of these, fifteen were Carnegie publications, six were from New Zealand and other Governments, six were from learned societies, seven were from the Public Library, 200 were from Mr. W. J. McEldowney, and eight from other private donors.

Psychological Clinic.—In the beginning of 1927 a psychological clinic for backward and "problem" children was organized by the Department with the co-operation of the School Hygiene Section of the Department of Health and the College Department of Education. The clinic was held in the psychology laboratory on Saturday mornings : over thirty cases were investigated and advice given.

Bequests and Donations.—Valuable apparatus for the Physics and Biology Departments has been donated by William Watson and Sons and by Dr. W. P. Evans. Dr. W. P. Evans also made a donation of £25 towards the purchase of a microtome for the Biology Department. A fine addition to the library was due to the generosity of Mr. W. J. McEldowney, who gave some two hundred volumes. A set of linguaphone advanced French records was presented to the Modern Languages Department by Professor Boyd-Wilson.

School of Agriculture.—The Council feels it is a matter for congratulation that the Massey Agricultural College has now made a beginning at Palmerston North. The Council has arranged to release Professor Peren from his duties at Victoria University College, and the whole of the teaching of agriculture will now be carried on at Palmerston North, except that for the first-year students, who will continue to take their pure-science classes in Wellington.

Hostel-site, &c.—The Council has not been idle in connection with the question of the proposed hostel for men on the Salamanca Road site. A survey has been made of the site and a contour plan