

The following resignations and appointments took place during the year: Dr. F. C. Batchelor resigned his lectureship of Midwifery and the Diseases of Women on the 24th June, 1909. The Council is under a deep debt of gratitude to Dr. Batchelor for his long and valuable service, and for the very live interest he has at all times taken in the advancement of the Medical School. Dr. F. R. Riley, F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., was appointed Lecturer on Midwifery and Gynæcology in the place of Dr. F. C. Batchelor, for five years from the 1st January, 1910. Dr. R. L. Ritchie, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., was appointed Tutor on Midwifery and Gynæcology on the 4th October, 1909. Drs. Colquhoun, Riley, Lindo Ferguson, and Roberts were reappointed to the honorary medical staff of the Hospital, and Drs. Closs, O'Neill, and S. Batchelor to the honorary surgical staff, on the 1st January, 1910. In the Dental School Dr. H. Ziele resigned his position as Hon. Dental Surgeon, and Mr. J. C. Nicholson was appointed in his place from the 1st January, 1910, and Dr. F. W. B. Fitchett, M.D., C.M., resigned his position as Hon. Anæsthetist. On the 27th April, 1909, Dr. Black relinquished his position as Government Analyst. Dr. Malcolm, Professor of Physiology, was granted six months' leave to the 1st May, 1910, to visit Great Britain. I have pleasure in informing you that during the year Professor Gilray had conferred on him the degree of LL.D. by the University of Edinburgh.

Gifts.

The Council acknowledges with gratitude: The offer of an annual Scholarship for Medical Students from New Zealand from the Council of the Middlesex Hospital Medical School; also the gift from the Otago Division of the British Medical Association of its medical library, together with an annual sum of £10. The sum of £50 from Mrs. Leask, of Napier, the interest to be used to provide a Leask Medal in Operative and Mechanical Dentistry; seventy classical books from Mr. H. E. Williams; Dr. Hocken's Bibliography of the Literature of New Zealand. A Trewby nitrous-oxide apparatus, from Mr. C. W. Hay, of Dunedin; and a dental engine from Messrs. C. Ash and Sons, London.

School of Home Economics.

Mr. John Studholme, whose deep interest in the advancement of the study of domestic science and home economics is well known, very generously offered to the Council the sum of £300 a year for four years and £60 for travelling-expenses, with the object of establishing the teaching of these subjects in the University. Dr. Truby King and Dr. F. C. Batchelor, impressed with the value of such a course, approached the citizens of Dunedin; and it gives me pleasure to say that so ready a response was given to their appeal that £200 a year for four years, £100 for travelling-expenses to enable the prospective Professor of Home Economics to visit the best schools in Europe or America before coming to New Zealand, and £75 for laboratory expenses have been secured by deed, and the Council has been enabled to accept Mr. Studholme's generous offer.

Miss Anna C. Hedges, M.A., Principal of the Hebrew Technical School, New York, has been appointed the first Professor, and she brings with her Miss Miriam Birdseye as Assistant. They both will arrive in January next, and the classes will start in April.

The New Zealand University Senate, at its meeting in January, 1910, decided to add domestic science to the list of subjects of examination for the degree of Bachelor of Science; so this subject becomes an optional one for those desirous of obtaining a B.Sc. degree.

Buildings and Improvements.

The new Mining School building was opened by the Minister of Mines, the Hon. R. McKenzie, on the 19th August, 1909, and has been found to be very suitable for its purpose.

The whole of the class-rooms of the University have been fitted with electric lighting, very much to the convenience of those using them.

A tender amounting to £976 was accepted for very necessary additions to the Dental School. The additions are completed, and are fully used.

The "Hocken Wing" to the Museum was opened by His Excellency the Governor, Lord Plunket, the Prime Minister, the Right Hon. Sir J. G. Ward, K.C.M.G., being also in attendance. The wing has not yet been formally handed over to the Council, though some of the accommodation is being used by Dr. Benham for the teaching of biology.

Urgent Needs.

The debenture debt of £11,000 incurred some years ago for buildings becomes due on the 31st December next. The Council has more than once appealed to Your Excellency's Advisers to make provision for the payment of this debt, and would again urgently appeal for provision to be made to meet the debt at the due date.

The increased numbers attending the University (there are 440 in the year 1910), and the experience gained by the Council of the need for accommodation for the students, makes it necessary to appeal to Your Excellency's Advisers for aid towards the erection of buildings to accommodate students, and to provide additional class-rooms, which are urgently required. It is estimated £10,500 will be required, of which some £1,600 has been raised locally. The Council is indebted to a number of Dunedin ladies who have been instrumental in raising the bulk of this sum. It is believed that if parliamentary assistance of £2 for every £1 raised locally were given, the public in Dunedin might be stimulated to find their proportion of £3,500. The Council also asks that a sum of £500 be provided to meet the extra cost of the additions to the Dental School building. It is believed that when this is paid the accommodation and equipment of the Dental School will be all that is likely to be required for several years.