

*Veterinary School.*

Negotiations have been proceeding with the Minister of Education about the proposed Veterinary School. The Council is extremely anxious to do all that is possible to further this project, but cannot see its way to erect the necessary buildings for the amount of the grant, £3,000, and asks that the vote be increased to £4,000.

Negotiations have been taking place with the Harbour Board, and other inquiries have been made as to a suitable site, but nothing has so far been decided. The Council has made careful inquiries about sites for veterinary schools, and is of opinion that, though schools exist in the centres of populous areas in other places, it would be wiser, in erecting a new school, to find accommodation on the outskirts of the town, and where some paddock accommodation could be provided.

*Officers' Training Corps.*

During the year an Infantry and a Medical Corps were established under the new regulations, and very good work has been done.

A Military Committee was appointed, consisting of the Chancellor, Mr. Leslie Harris, representing the Council; Dr. Marshall, captain of the Infantry Corps; Dr. Malcolm, captain of the Medical Corps; W. G. Borrie, W. Fraser, representing the students.

*The Maternity Home, Forth Street.*

The practical teaching at the Maternity Home is of such importance to the future medical men, and any detraction from the adequacy of that teaching would be so detrimental, that the Council wishes to recognize the value of the legislation passed last Parliament which provided for an appeal to the Minister of Education in case of any limitation of the teaching-facilities at the Maternity Home.

*Mining School Scholarships.*

These scholarships were established by the Mines Department in 1892 to enable the best of the students attending the Government Goldfield Mining Schools to take a course in mining engineering at Otago University. Two scholarships are annually offered for the North Island and two for the South Island; but so far as the important mining districts of Otago and Southland are concerned the scholarships have been a dead-letter, as there are no goldfield mining schools in these districts. It seems desirable that the existing Scholarship Regulations should be made more elastic, in order that well-educated miners in the outlying goldfields might be enabled to take advantage of the University course of instruction.

*Students' Concessions.*

It has been customary to grant to University students who come from country districts and have to board in town a concession in the price of return railway tickets. This concession was threatened during the year, but the Council trusts that the concession may be conserved.

*Reports.*

Attached Your Excellency will find,—

- (a.) The report of the Professorial Board, which deals with the results of the University work and the distinctions gained.
- (b.) The report of the Medical School. This school continues to grow. The Council as it has opportunity is endeavouring to add to the facilities for the training of medical men.
- (c.) The report of the Director of the Dental School. Success is now quite assured to this school, and there can be no question of the immense value it is and will be to the status of the dental profession. In addition it is serving a valuable purpose in rendering dental aid to many of the poor who cannot afford the expense of dental treatment; indeed, so many cases come to the Dental Hospital that it is not possible to cope with them all, and the question of their treatment becomes one for others than the University Council to deal with.
- (d.) The report of the Director of the Mining School. It is not to be expected that large demands will be made in New Zealand for the services of those who pass through this school, whilst the regulations require five years' underground service even from a graduate before he can take a mine-manager's position in New Zealand. The school supplies a need, and the results of its work have added very largely to the honours of the University.
- (e.) The report of the Director of the Museum. The Museum, especially in view of the "Hocken Wing" addition, is a valuable adjunct to university work: but the income provided specially for the care and upkeep of the Museum is not adequate, and it has to lean on the general fund of the University.

*Finance.*

The accounts of the University have been reorganized, and are attached in an improved form.

It will be seen that certain expenditure which properly might be charged against capital has had to be met from ordinary revenue, the Council having no capital moneys that could be used. After making readjustments it will be found that, taking both ordinary and extraordinary expenditure, the Council was short at the end of the year about £100. Had the £250 which has commonly been paid by the Minister of Mines to the Mining School been paid, there would have been a small credit at the end of the year. The Council urges that the full amount of £750 be