

credited this year by the Minister of Mines to the Mining School. Though there was an apparent shortage of a little over £100, in reality additional buildings and equipment of electric light paid for out of ordinary revenue represent a good deal more than the apparent shortage.

Your Excellency may feel assured that the University is to a very large extent fulfilling the purposes of its founders: is gradually developing and offering increased facilities to those who wish to avail themselves of the benefits it has to offer them. Unfortunately, some years ago the revenue from the endowments was so precarious that the Council had to ask the Government to take them over, securing to the University the then revenues. The position, therefore, now is that the Council can look for no increasing revenue from reserves, and has to rely for expansion on whatever may be provided by Parliament or by the generosity of the public.

I believe that in no other city of this Dominion has so much been done by the public and by public benefactors to assist its University as in Dunedin, and the Council feel that this ought to add to the claim for parliamentary support.

J. ALLEN, Chancellor.

PROFESSORIAL BOARD.—REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN (PROFESSOR P. MARSHALL, D.Sc., M.A.).

I HAVE the honour to report on the work and general condition of the University for the academic year ending 31st March, 1910.

The Registrar has kindly supplied me with the following statistics in regard to the students in attendance at the University for the year:—

Number of students,—							
Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	298
Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	123
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	421
Matriculated students,—							
Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	250
Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	117
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	367
Non-matriculated students,—							
Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	48
Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
The students were distributed among the different faculties as follows:—							
Arts and science	...	...	...	...	...	...	294
Medicine	...	...	...	...	...	...	82
Mines	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Dental	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	421

In the previous academic year there were 339 students, of whom 301 were matriculated. Of this increase of 82 in the number of students, the Faculty of Arts and Science is responsible for 64, and the Faculty of Mines for 17.

Academic Results.

In the examinations for degrees held within the Dominion and without the Otago University students have had greater success than in a large number of years back. The number of degrees conferred is 49, as against 38 in the previous year. The increase is almost confined to the Bachelors' degrees, which are 41 in number, in place of 23 in the previous year. On the other hand, there is a great decrease in the Masters of Arts degrees with honours. The number is 2 this year, as against 9 in the previous year. One candidate gained first-class honours in two subjects, a result only twice before obtained by our students. Another gained first-class honours in one subject and second-class honours in another.

The results of the Senior Scholarship Examinations are particularly gratifying. In these competitive examinations, which are of a high standard, candidates from Otago University head the list in 7 subjects out of 15; but, as in two cases one candidate is first in two subjects, only five scholarships have been awarded. In addition, a candidate headed the list in another subject, but she was not qualified to hold the scholarship. These very satisfactory results encourage the expectation that the honours list of next year will be unusually large.

The following are the full details:—

Doctors of Medicine (3),—

Peter Henry Buck,
John Patrick Hastings,
Ivan Stuart Wilson.

Degree of Master of Arts (1),—

Henry Bomford Hughes.

Degrees of Master of Arts, with honours (2).—

Henry Havelock Cornish—First-class in Latin and English and in mental science.
Henry Ritchie Urquhart—Third-class in mental science.