

The mechanical laboratory has been, through these alterations, considerably enlarged, and "recovery" rooms for male and female patients have been constructed.

The pathological laboratory is proving exceedingly useful for the teaching of students for the examination and diagnosis of diseased conditions of the mouth and teeth of patients attending the hospital, and also for examining and reporting on obscure specimens and cases sent by dentists from all parts of the Dominion.

The following at present constitute the honorary staff of the hospital: Consulting Physician, Dr. Colquhoun; Consulting Surgeon, Dr. Barnett; anaesthetists, Dr. Moore and Dr. Fleming; dental surgeons, Messrs. T. A. Hunter, F. Throp, and O. V. Davies; F. Armstrong, J. Glendining, H. Dodgshun, W. Thomson, H. Brewer, A. J. Chrystal, J. C. Nicholson, J. R. Burt.

Mr. Hawkins, my assistant in mechanical dentistry, continues to discharge his duties in a highly satisfactory manner. The number of patients attending continues to be more than can be adequately dealt with.

The following gives some idea of the clinical work of the school: The average attendances of patients per annum is nearly 4,000. Last year it was a little less, owing to the hospital being closed for a month during structural alterations. The number of patients (fresh) admitted for the last year was 485. The total number of operations performed was 3,528. Of these, the majority were in connection with the filling and crowning and regulation of teeth. The total number of anæsthetic was only 176. The number of artificial dentures supplied was 182.

Only such patients as are certified by either a clergyman, doctor, or dentist as being unable to pay the usual fees are treated. A nominal charge is made in all cases to cover the cost of any material used; no charge is made for simple extractions. A number of patients apply for treatment who cannot afford to pay even these nominal fees. There can be no doubt that some fund should be provided which could be applied to the treatment of such cases. This is necessary since this hospital, although practically doing philanthropic work, receives at present no support from the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board or from the Hospital Saturday Fund.

THE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (PROFESSOR J. SCOTT, M.D., M.R.C.S.).

THE number of students attending medical classes during the present session is 106. Of these, 10 belong to the Dental School.

Twelve students have completed their course since last session, and have had the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery conferred upon them by the University of New Zealand. Four of these are at present acting as house surgeons to the Dunedin Hospital and to the other institutions under the control of the Charitable Aid Board. Of the others, some are acting as house surgeons to the hospitals in the other centres, and some have gone to London to continue their studies. The travelling scholarship offered by the New Zealand University to the best graduate of his year has been awarded to Dr. Michael H. Watt. Last year's scholar, Dr. Johnson, is now studying at Middlesex Hospital, London.

Dr. Batchelor has retired from the position of Lecturer on Midwifery and Diseases of Women, and his place has been taken by Dr. F. R. Riley, F.R.C.S.

Dr. Ogston, while still retaining the lectureship on medical jurisprudence, has been relieved of his duties as Lecturer on Public Health. The teaching of bacteriology has also been taken from Dr. Roberts. These two subjects are now being taught by Dr. Champtaloup, who also acts as Public Health Officer for Dunedin. Dr. Ritchie is again acting as Tutor in Midwifery at the Maternity Hospital in Forth Street.

The University is to be congratulated on having secured representation on the Hospital Committee of the Charitable Aid Board. This appointment is of considerable importance to the Medical School.

The Pathological Museum continues to grow rapidly, and the time is not far distant when it will be necessary to provide increased accommodation for this department.

The Otago Branch of the British Medical Association has recently presented its library to the University, and has also promised an annual sum of £10 to be spent on medical books. This very valuable addition to the medical department of the University Library has recently been arranged and placed on the shelves.

ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE-SHEET.

BALANCE-SHEET OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO. 31ST MARCH, 1910.

<i>Liabilities.</i>			<i>Assets.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Capital Account	3,801	14 9	By Dunedin Stock Exchange debentures ..	1,800	0 0
"	6,500	0 0	Dunedin City Tramway debentures ..	400	0 0
"	2,249	0 0	"	2,000	0 0
Capital, Wolf Harris Trust ..	2,100	0 0	Borough of "Morningside" debentures ..	700	0 0
" Mrs. Leask's Trust ..	50	0 0	New Zealand Government debentures ..	100	0 0
Balance Government grant to be paid			"	6,500	0 0
to Dental School Building Overdraft			"	2,200	0 0
Account	428	19 5	"	600	0 0
Fees overpaid	5	16 8	Dunedin City Tramway debentures ..	289	9 0
Fees due to lecturers, &c. ..	53	11 0	Due by Officers' Training Corps ..	28	5 0
Deposit, electric-light contract ..	8	0 8	Dental School building and equipment		
Bank overdraft	373	7 7	advances	519	9 11
			Due by Beverley Trust	154	17 10
			General Income Account overdrawn ..	278	8 4
	<u>£15,570</u>	<u>10 1</u>		<u>£15,570</u>	<u>10 1</u>
Debentures owing by the University ..	£11,000	0 0			