

These results compare well with those of the other University Colleges, for in 1910 in the three together there were six first-class, nine second-class, and ten third-class diplomas won. This comparison is particularly satisfactory in view of the fact that at Victoria College and Canterbury College the Professors of English, Mathematics, and Classics have assistants, who relieve them of much of the work of the junior classes.

The academic year was also satisfactory in connection with the Senior Scholarships. Including the Tinline Scholarship, seven of these have been awarded to Otago students this year, and six only to the other three Colleges together. This comparison, however, is slightly affected by the refusal of one of the scholarships by a Canterbury scholar. This is the most successful year that the Otago University has had in the Senior Scholarship lists, and it allows of satisfactory anticipation in connection with the honours list of next year.

The following is a detailed list of those who have gained academic distinction during the past year (names have been omitted throughout):—

Doctor of Science: 1.

Doctor of Medicine: 1.

Master of Arts, with Honours: First Class in Languages and Literature (French and German), 1; Second Class in Languages in Literature (English and French), 1; Second Class in Languages and Literature (English and French), also Second Class in Mental Science, 1; Third Class in Languages and Literature (English and French), 2; Third Class in Languages and Literature (Latin and English), 1; Third Class in Languages and Literature (Latin and French), 1; Third Class in Mental Science, 3; Second Class in Physical Science (Heat), 2; Second Class in Natural Science (Geology), 1.

Master of Science, with Honours: First Class in Physical Science (Electricity), also First Class in Geology, 1; First Class in Natural Science (Zoology), 1.

Senior Scholarships were given in the following subjects: Electricity, French, Mental Science, Geology, Latin, English.

John Tinline Scholar: Colin Macgregor Littlejohn.

Medical Travelling Scholarship: William Philip Johnston.

Bachelor of Arts: 17.

Bachelor of Science: 3.

Bachelor of Laws: 4.

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery: 11.

Bachelor of Dental Surgery: 3.

It is with pleasure that I report that the Doctor of Science Degree of London University has been conferred on Mr. A. M. Finlayson.

The Otago University scholarships and prizes have been awarded during the year as follows:—

Beverly Entrance Scholarship: Gerald C. Beattie. Grey Russell Scholarship: John Stuart Reid. Richardson Scholarship: Catherine Hogg. Women's Scholarship: Dorothy May Stewart. Government Research Scholarship: Henry Myall Budd, M.Sc. Macandrew Scholarship: Oswald Chettle Mazengarb. Sir George Grey Scholarship: Eric Oswald Hercus. Beverly Scholarship in Junior Physics: Herbert Cyril Brent. Beverly Scholarship in Advanced Physics: Matthew Alexander. Stuart Prize: John Alexander Colquhoun. Ulrich Memorial Prize: Leonard John Wild. MacGregor Prize: John Brown Wilson Craig. Parker Prize: David Stewart Milne. James Clark Prizes: Henry Whiteoak Slater (Latin); John Hilton Murdoch (English); Andrew Bain (Mental Science). Special Prizes presented by the President of the Navy League, Sir James Mills: Dorothy Cheyne Farnie; Arthur James Heighway.

General.

I am glad to be able to report that discipline has been well maintained during the year in the classes and within the precincts of the buildings. The Board, however, deeply regrets that the behaviour of the students at the last capping ceremony was most unsatisfactory. In the opinion of the Board, the object of the ceremony is to afford a public recognition of the distinctions gained by the students, and to introduce the graduates to the citizens as additions to the body of highly qualified academic men of the community. On several occasions, however, the undergraduates have displayed the least attractive kind of University behaviour at this ceremony. Many members of the Board feel that if the gathering of citizens and educational experts whom they ask to attend is to be subjected to such an exhibition it would be better to abolish the public conferring of degrees. When the possibilities of this ceremony are considered, and the benefit that should accrue from it to the University, it would be deplorable if the Board should be forced to take any action that would lead to the abolition of the only annual festival of the University to which the public is invited. It is, however, hoped that if more definite disciplinary regulations are framed it will be possible to have a function that will be a credit to the University and to the community.

I wish again to emphasize the fact that the Board has in all instances had the co-operation of the Students' Executive when dealing with any matter in which their aid could be of service.

The debating club was largely attended during the year, and the students' socials that were held last session attracted large attendances. These functions do much to induce the students to make those friendships and cultivate the fellowship that should be such an important feature of University life. This end is also furthered in no small measure by the residential colleges of Selwyn and Knox, which provide for the board and lodging of many male students. St. Margaret's College, which has lately been instituted, has proved a great boon to lady students of the University who come from outside Dunedin.

In my last report reference was made to the fund that is being raised for the construction of new quarters for the students. The staff is extremely glad to hear of the increase of the fund, which is largely owing to the enthusiasm and energy of the Chancellor. The promise of a large