

## F. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO.

(The University of Otago Ordinance 1869.)

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*Registrar.*—H. Chapman, B.A.

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The CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

In compliance with the provisions of the University of Otago Ordinance, 1869, I have the honour to submit herewith a report on the proceedings of the University of Otago for the year ending 31st March, 1915.

*The Council and Teaching Staff.*

For some years back it has been the Chancellor's sad duty to record the loss by death of some member of the Council or teaching staff, and this year is no exception, for in September last there passed away a much respected member of the Council, the Hon. Thomas Fergus. By Mr. Fergus's death the Council lost the services of a gentleman who had for many years been a strenuous supporter of the claims of secondary and higher education; his mature judgment had been of great benefit to the University, and his loss is much to be deplored. In place of Mr. Fergus the Otago Education Board has appointed Mr. James Mitchell, who has already had much experience in the control of primary and secondary education, and his knowledge of these matters will undoubtedly be of much benefit to the Council.

In my last report I was called upon to record the resignation from the staff and the Council of Professor John Shand, who had been a professor in the University for forty-three years. When he retired he carried with him the heartfelt wishes of his colleagues that he might enjoy many years of quiet retirement. These wishes, however, were not to be realized, for scarcely a year had elapsed after he laid down his work when he passed away. It will be a lasting joy to the Council to recollect that His Majesty the King was graciously pleased to recognize Dr. Shand's work by conferring upon him the Most Distinguished Order of Companion of St. Michael and St. George. Whilst Dr. Shand held the Chair of Physics for forty-three years, the Chair of Chemistry was occupied for almost the same period by Professor James Gow Black. Dr. Black retired from active service some three years ago, apparently in the enjoyment of perfect health; but he was not to outlive his colleague by many days—he died on Christmas Day, 1914.

*The Medical School.*

The past year has been one of the utmost importance to the Medical School. The Government grant of £10,100 has been employed in making extensions to the existing building—extensions for which there was urgent need. The additional buildings provide a new dissecting-room, a new chemistry laboratory, and further space for the teaching of physiology. With the increasing number of medical students the facilities formerly provided were totally inadequate, but the Council feels that the provision now made for the teaching of the subjects mentioned above will meet our necessities for some years to come. Besides providing extensions to the building, it has of course been necessary to equip these extensions with the appropriate fittings, and the Council will be obliged to apply to the Government for a grant to meet the cost of this additional work.

Whilst paying attention to the efficiency of the teaching of the fundamental subjects in medicine, the Council has not lost sight of the fact that a modern medical school must make proper provision for the teaching of bacteriology and pathology. In order that a suitable building might be erected