

to carry on this work, the public of Otago and other parts of New Zealand was asked for subscriptions, and it is with some pride that I am able to record that the sum of £8,000 was raised within two months. This amount, together with the Government subsidy, should be sufficient to provide for the erection and equipment of suitable buildings. The Council is somewhat embarrassed, however, with reference to the site of these buildings. The site which has already been provided is not adequate, and it will be necessary to acquire an adjoining quarter of an acre, at present the property of the Hospital Board. The Council feels that by erecting these buildings it will be lightening the duties of the Hospital, and it trusts, therefore, that the Hospital Department may be able to render some assistance towards the acquisition of the additional area required. To provide for tuition in clinical pathology the Council has appointed a professor of that subject in the person of Dr. A. M. Drennan, now lecturer on practical pathology at Edinburgh. Dr. Drennan will take up his duties at the close of the present year.

School of Home Science.

A forward move has been made, too, with regard to the School of Home Science. It has been evident from the beginning that in order to give the students proper training in subjects such as practical housewifery and laundry-work it would be necessary to provide a hostel at which students might reside. This need has now been met, and fifteen students are at present in residence in a well-equipped hostel, situated within easy access of the University. For the provision of this building the Council is indebted firstly to the Government, from whom a grant of £1,450 was obtained, and secondly to Mr. John Studholme and the Citizens' Committee, whose liberality in aid of this important branch of the training of women has been beyond all praise.

Finance.

The passing of the New Zealand University Amendment Act will have a very important bearing on the finances of the University. This will enable the Council to do something in the way of meeting the most pressing demands now made upon us. For this assistance the Council desires to record its gratitude to the Government. I much regret, however, that I have again to draw Your Excellency's attention to the debenture debt of this University, which still stands at £8,000. The Council trusts that the Government may see its way to liquidate this debt in the very near future.

The Great War.

Your Excellency will doubtless be pleased to hear of the response made by the University to the call of the Empire in its hour of need. Three members of the staff—Drs. Barnett, Macdonald, and O'Neill—and a former member, Dr. F. C. Bachelor, are now on active service; whilst at least a hundred students are wearing their King's uniform, and small detachments are constantly leaving to join the reinforcements. Your Excellency will doubtless join with the Council in wishing them all God-speed.

ANDREW CAMERON, Chancellor.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROFESSORIAL BOARD FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1915.

Two former members of the Board have died since last year's report was made—Dr. John Shand, C.M.G., and Dr. James G. Black. Both rendered valuable services to this University College from its establishment, and both won for themselves a high place in the esteem and affection of their colleagues and students. New members of the Professorial Board are—Dr. W. P. Gowland, the successor of the late Dr. J. H. Scott in the Chair of Anatomy, and Mr. H. D. Bedford, M.A., LL.M., Dean of the Faculty of Law and Commerce. Professor Barnett has been granted leave of absence and has gone to the front. Owing to the want of students, Mr. F. H. Campbell has resigned the lectureship in German, and therefore ceases to be a member of the Board, to the great regret of his fellow-members.

Attendance of Students.—The number of students who began to attend last year was greater than for any previous year; but before the end of the session the actual number in attendance was much reduced by the large number of those who joined the Expeditionary Forces. I am indebted to the Registrar for the following particulars as to the numbers in attendance:—

Faculty.	Men.	Women.	Totals.	
			1913.	1914.
Arts	127	116	243	243
Science	22	6	28	28
Law	43	..	47	43
Commerce	57	1	44	58
Medicine	140	15	133	155
Dentistry	8	..	9	8
Home science	..	45	41	45
Engineering	9	..	2	..
Mining	29	..	19	29
			566	609

Of these, 38 were graduates, 451 undergraduates, and 120 non-matriculated students. In addition, 33 exempted students were examined for terms. As compared with the previous year the figures are the same in both arts and science, medicine, commerce, mining; while law, dentistry, and engineering show a diminution in numbers.