

Association were conducted by Professor H. D. Bedford, M.A., LL.M., Mr. Duff, M.A., and the Rev. K. G. Archer. At the request of the University Council arrangements were made for holding evening classes in physics and chemistry to suit persons employed during the day.

The Board of Studies established by the New Zealand University Amendment Act held its first meeting in November. The following members of the Professorial Board sat as representatives of Otago University: Professors Gilray, Benham, Pickerill, Inglis, and Mr. G. E. Thompson. Professor Dunlop was elected the Board's representative on the Committee of Advice in connection with the management of the local Training College for teachers. Additions to the teaching staff during 1915 included Dr. J. T. Bowie as Clinical Registrar at the Dunedin Hospital, and Miss M. I. Turnbull as assistant to the Lecturer on Latin.

Attendance of Students.—The numbers of students attending lectures in 1915 were as follow:—

Faculty.	Men.	Women.	Totals.	
			1914.	1915.
Arts	90	124	243	214
Science	27	6	28	33
Law	32	..	43	32
Commerce	49	9	58	58
Medicine	122	19	155	141
Dentistry	6	..	8	6
Engineering	2	..	..	2
Mining engineering	17	..	29	17
Home science	..	31	45	31
			609	534

Of those attending in 1915, 25 were graduates, 107 were non-matriculated students, and the remaining 407 were matriculated. In addition to these, 40 exempted students were examined for terms, chiefly in the arts classes. That the decrease in numbers is due to the present war seems obvious from the fact that there were 181 fewer men attending classes in 1915 than in 1914.

Owing to the change in the date of making this report I am unable to supply statistics as to the number of degrees, scholarships, and honours obtained by our students. These will be given in next year's report.

Research Scholarships.—New Zealand Research Scholarships in Otago University have been held by R. A. W. Sutherland, M.Sc., and C. S. Hicks, M.Sc., both of whom have made satisfactory progress.

JOHN MALCOLM, Chairman.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE (PROFESSOR T. GILRAY).

At a meeting held on the 5th March the faculty recommended the University Council to found a Chair of History and Economics under the Senate's special grant for the founding and endowing of new Chairs authorized by the New Zealand University Amendment Act, 1914. The Chair has since been founded. We congratulate Professor Bedford on his appointment, and wish him all success in his important work. Another important event in the history of the faculty during 1915 was the decision of the Council to establish evening classes in chemistry and physics for students unable to attend during the day. Now that these classes have been formed it is to be hoped that the attendance will be such as to show that there is a genuine demand in the community for evening science-teaching of University standard.

As for some years past our work has been greatly interrupted by students leaving their classes to attend camp, Dr. Marshall and myself communicated with the military authorities and with the Minister of Defence with the view of getting arts and science students to go into camp during the vacation. Our efforts were successful, and the members of the faculty earnestly desire all students in the faculty to take advantage of this arrangement.

Several meetings were devoted to the discussion of certain proposals as to degrees, &c., sent to us for consideration by the Canterbury College members of the Board of Studies, in preparation for the first meeting of that Board. Perhaps the most important point discussed was whether the Home examiners for scholarships and degrees in arts and sciences should be retained, or should in future be superseded by internal examiners. Although the members of the faculty were not unanimous in this matter, the prevailing feeling was in favour of the retention of the Home examiners. This policy, which has always been the traditional policy of our Professorial Board, was approved by the Senate by a majority of two to one at its last annual meeting.

THE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—REPORT OF THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY (PROFESSOR H. L. FERGUSON, M.D.).

The past year in the Medical School has been one which has taxed the energies of the teaching staff very heavily, as it was a transition year between the old and the new curriculum, and four terms of study had to be compressed into the twelve months instead of the three which will be undertaken this year and in succeeding years, so that the year was one of continuous work. The teaching staff was handicapped by the absence of Professor Barnett on active service, and was later weakened by the departure of the medical tutor, Dr. Marshall Macdonald, who left for service with the French Red Cross. Professor Barnett's teaching-work was divided among