

the Council should secure the two cottages facing Frederick Street as a site for the post-mortem block, which is much needed to complete the pathological department.

On the whole the work of the school has run smoothly, though the result of the Intermediate Examination has led to our making some recommendations to the Senate of the New Zealand University, which I trust will bear fruit.

The entering class this year is again large. Forty-eight are taking the first year's work here, and we do not know how many may join later after taking the Intermediate subjects in other centres. The number of girls entering for medicine is not so large as for the previous two years, but in five years' time the question of placing so many women graduates will be a difficult one, and it is possible that it may be a solution of our difficulties in obtaining an adequate supply of teachers in the laboratory departments.

In spite of my repeated representations to Cabinet I was unable to secure exemption for second-year students, and the class has been much depleted by the action of the ballot. Only about a dozen men are left out of forty who were in the class a year ago, and the number of male graduates in 1921 will be very small.

The number of graduates in the period under review is thirty-three, and they have all been absorbed in the military or civil service of the country. The percentage of passes reflects great credit on the work not only of the students themselves but of your teaching staff.

Various rearrangements have been made in the classes and methods adopted to increase the efficiency of the teaching.

The Minister of Public Health intimated his wish to increase the number of Dominion Scholars to eight, and seven are now in residence at the Dunedin Hospital carrying out the duties which make the position such a valuable one from an educational point of view.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE DEAN OF THE MINING FACULTY.

The war still continues to take a heavy toll of our undergraduates, and the session of 1917 opened with only eight students for the full course. Of these, two were in their first year, three in their second year, and three in their third year. At the end of the session the three second-year men volunteered for active service. The present session has started with seven new students, but there is little hope of much recovery in our attendance till the war is over, as most of our undergraduates enlist as soon as they reach the military age. The excellent system of bursaries in connection with the Dental School, School of Domestic Science, and Canterbury School of Engineering has not yet been extended to the Otago School of Mining Engineering.

At the annual term examination all passed except one, who failed in senior mathematics. As in 1916, the work of Professor Waters, who was absent on active service in France with the New Zealand Tunnelling Corps, was carried on by the Dean.

During the year eighty-seven samples of rocks and minerals were tested in the laboratory for miners and settlers free of charge, and sixty-six samples of ores, coal, rock phosphate were analysed at schedule rates.

The total number of associates of the Mining School is ninety-nine, of whom ninety-four were alive in 1914. Of these ninety-four, no less than thirty-two have responded to their country's call—a high proportion when account is taken of the fact that most of the older graduates are over military age. In the last three years and a half over thirty of our undergraduates have gone on active service. Owing to all the available graduates being at the front, the Dean was unable to find men to fill three good posts that offered during 1917.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE DENTAL SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR 1917.

Three students for the Bachelor of Dental Surgery have been in attendance. The amount of clinical work performed for patients attending the hospital is as follows: Number of fresh patients, 325; number of patients treated, 347; number of patients' attendances, 612; total number of operations, 1,854.

Mechanical Dentistry Course.—At the commencement of the autumn term a special course in mechanical dentistry was established; the number was limited to six, which number was reached in the winter term. Although there were four applications for vacancies, it was considered inadvisable to increase the number in view of the anticipated increase in number of students for 1918. This course produced £63 in fees for the year.

Charitable Dental Work.—During the year the Otago Branch of the N.Z. Dental Association approached the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board pointing out the necessity for charitable dental work and the need for a whole-time man, as the students were so few in number. A conference on this matter took place between the Hospital Board, the Otago Branch of the N.Z. Dental Association, and the University Council, and as an outcome the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board increased the subsidy to £400 so that a whole-time man could be appointed.

Bursaries.—Mr. T. K. Sidey's gift of £400 enabled a bursary scheme to materialize. This sum, together with the amount collected by the bursary-collecting committee, has resulted in fifteen bursaries being allotted.

Curriculum.—The curriculum for the certificate of proficiency was referred back from the Senate earlier in the year to the Dental Faculty, New Zealand Dental Association, and the Board of Studies. A curriculum was drawn up by the New Zealand Dental Association's curriculum committee, which was agreed to with slight alterations by the Faculty and the Board of Studies, and has now passed the Senate.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF DEAN OF FACULTY OF HOME SCIENCE.

I am glad to be able to report that the year which ended on the 31st December, 1917, was a very satisfactory one on the whole, in spite of the insufficient accommodation at Studholme House