

professoriate should therefore be most carefully guarded against. To allow of the payment of reasonable remuneration the Council respectfully urges that the grant payable to the University be restored to its full amount at the earliest possible date.

My reference to the University's finances would not be complete if I did not refer to certain generous benefactions received by the University during the year. The late Mr. George Young bequeathed the sum of £1,500 for scholarship purposes, while Mr. Willi Fels donated the sum of £5,000 to be accumulated for a term and later used for additions to the Museum. To this amount Mr. de Beer added £1,000, to be utilized towards the fitting of these additions when erected. These welcome gifts are greatly appreciated by the Council, and will help in the development of the work of the University. At the same time we desire to point out that for the provision of current expenditure the Council requires considerably increased revenue.

Benefactions have enabled us to offer some valuable research scholarships, such as the John Edmond, value £200, and the Smeaton, value £175, both tenable for two years. The students holding these are doing valuable work, but the Council feels that if research is to be carried out under the most promising conditions research scholarships should be offered of higher value, ranging, say, from £400 to £500, and tenable for four or five years. The provision of such scholarships would enable the University to retain the best graduates for the purpose of carrying on research work in conjunction with the professors, who should be relieved of some of the *junior* work and enabled to direct the work of the graduate students. These in turn would take some small part in the teaching. In my opinion the value of this research work to the Dominion cannot be overestimated.

Buildings.—It is with pleasure that I am able to refer to the completion of the new physics classrooms, which now comfortably house the large classes in this subject and provide ample space for laboratory work. The new building also provides an artistic end wing to the main arts block. Whilst thanking the Government for this important building, I cannot refrain from again referring to the urgent needs of two other faculties, medicine and dentistry. The need for additional accommodation for medical classes is still acute, whilst the congested condition of the Dental School is such as to make efficient teaching almost impossible. The Council respectfully urges that these important schools receive early and sympathetic consideration.

The number of students in attendance during the past year has been a record one, as shown by the following:—Men: Graduates, 33; undergraduates, 661; non-matriculated, 116; total, 810. Women: Graduates, 21; undergraduates, 294; non-matriculated, 78; total, 393. Grand total, 1,203.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF DEANS OF THE VARIOUS FACULTIES.

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE.

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When a proposal of the Education Department that in future the A certificate would only be granted to those who had taken honours in education became known to us, a protest was sent forward against an alteration of the present system, on the grounds that the proposal would, if carried out, tend to lower the standards of general education of teachers, since it would be possible for them to take their degree of M.A. with no further study of ordinary educational subjects beyond the B.A. pass degree stage. Similar protests were sent from the other colleges, with the result that the former condition has been retained—viz., that honours in any subject would qualify for the A certificate—with, however, the proviso that the diploma in education must also be taken.

New regulations issued by the Education Department have resulted in the removal of the Training College students from the University class in English. In our opinion this is a retrograde step, for the severance of the future teachers in primary schools from a share in university life is the reverse of a policy which has for some time been followed. Now it appears that, apart from certain picked students who, in the opinion of the Principal, are capable of taking a degree, students from the Training College are discouraged from attending classes in the University.

When the second cut in salaries was imminent a memorandum from this faculty was sent to the Finance Committee of the Council, pointing out that the professors at the other colleges were paid at a higher rate; that at Victoria College only £50 had been deducted from their salaries; and that here the men, doing the same work, were at a disadvantage in having less assistance in their work, and for the most part larger classes and more work. No action seems to have been taken by the Council to meet the request of this faculty that salaries should be made more nearly equal throughout the University.

The removal of the physics department to its new quarters released certain rooms on the ground floor; some of these have been allotted to Professors in Arts subjects, one is to be used as a Board room, the lecture-theatre will now be used for history and modern languages, and the old instrument-room will serve as a tutorial class-room.

During the session several members of this faculty have done their part in bringing the University into touch with the general public by means of addresses on their special subjects and by other activities. Several members of the faculty have also had papers, detailing the results of original research, published or presented to societies for publication in various journals.

The method of appointing examiners in New Zealand for the pass grade of the B.A. and B.Sc. degree examinations was inaugurated this year, and most of the examiners gave satisfaction both in the character of their papers and in the marking. The results were for the most part published early in January, or even before the end of the year, which is of much importance to candidates.

Statistics.—The total number of students attending courses of study in the faculty was 467, being an increase of 3 over last year's number, for though there were 15 more men there were 12 fewer women, there being a total of 205 men and 262 women. This number was distributed between the two sections as follows: Arts, 418, of whom 165 were men and 253 women; science, 49, of whom 40 were men and 9 women.