

5. UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO.

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Registrar.—H. Chapman, Esq., B.A.

REPORT (ABRIDGED) OF THE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO TO
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

I have the honour to forward herewith a report on the proceedings of the University of Otago for the year ended 31st December, 1923.

Staff.—Several changes of importance have taken place in the personnel of the staff during the year. Professor Pringle resigned his position as Professor of Economics, and the vacancy was filled by the appointment of the Ven. Archdeacon Woodthorpe. The University has also sustained a serious loss through the resignation of Professor Rawson, Dean of the Faculty of Home Science. Professor Strong, who has for the past three years very ably filled the post of Professor of Domestic Arts, has succeeded Professor Rawson as Dean of the Faculty.

For many years the subject of education has been in charge of a part-time professor or lecturer. During the past year, however, the Education Department offered to pay the salary of a full-time professor, and the Council naturally accepted the offer very readily. Dr. Richard Lawson, of the University of Melbourne, was appointed to the position. We feel assured that great benefit will accrue to our young teachers from this appointment.

Building Accommodation.—I have very much pleasure in reporting that during the year the Government, recognizing the necessity for increased accommodation for medical and dental students, approved of grants which will enable the Council to erect a new Medical School building to house the anatomy and physiology departments, and also a new Dental School building. Those buildings have been most urgently needed, and their erection will enable the work of these departments to be carried on with greater efficiency.

Nursing Diploma. During the course of the year the Council was approached by the Trained Nurses' Association and urged to make provision for the award of a diploma in nursing. Recognizing that the provision of such a diploma will tend to raise the status of the nursing profession, the Council agreed to the request, and a tentative scheme has been adopted. Part of the course will be taken in the Home Science School, part at the Hospital, and part at the Medical School. Negotiations are still in progress with a view to placing the course on a satisfactory basis.

The Workers' Educational Association of Otago and Southland.—The tutorial classes carried on at the University, in the suburbs, and in the outlying districts have been well maintained. Owing to financial stringency, twenty-one classes only were held, compared with twenty-four in 1923. The number enrolled, however, 779, was the highest yet; but bad weather and prevalent sickness caused a decreased average attendance. The subjects studied included literature, economics, psychology (social and industrial), history (British and New Zealand), and social problems. In addition a course of interesting lectures was given in Dunedin on "Appreciation of art" in its various forms; and during the summer a number of excursions were arranged at which a number of lecturers were given by various scientists. During the year Professor Woodthorpe was appointed Director.

Scholarships.—In the examinations of the University of New Zealand five of our students were successful in obtaining University Senior Scholarships, whilst one further student, Robert Stevenson Aitken, M.B., Ch.B., gained the Rhodes Scholarship.

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ANDREW CAMERON, Chancellor.