

5. UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO.

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

In accordance with the provisions of the University of Otago Ordinance, 1869, I have the honour to forward herewith a report on the proceedings of the University of Otago for the year ended 31st December, 1924.

University Council.—I regret to report that during the year the Council sustained the loss by death of a valued member, Mr. Walter Eudey, who for twelve years had faithfully represented the primary-school teachers of Otago and Southland. Mr. Eudey had intended to retire on the 30th June last, but he died a few days before that date. To fill the vacancy thus created, Mr. J. A. Moore, M.A., Principal of the Training College, was elected by the teachers.

Teaching Staff.—During the past year the Council has lost the services of two professors—viz., Professor Barnett and Professor Woodthorpe. Dr. Barnett has been head of the department of surgery for the past thirty years, and had performed his duties with marked ability and success. I am glad to say, however, that his connection with the University is not entirely severed, for he has been appointed Professor of Emeritus, and we hope that this connection may long exist. With Professor Woodthorpe the Council parted with deep regret. He was richly endowed with qualities both of mind and heart, and was consequently not only respected but beloved. The Council trusts he will find happiness in his retirement.

To fill the vacancies caused by these resignations the Council has appointed, as Professor of Surgery, Mr. F. G. Bell, M.D. Edin., L.R.C.P. Lond., F.R.C.S. Eng.; and as Professor of Economics, Mr. A. G. B. Fisher, B.A. Melb., Ph.D. (Econ.) Lond. Though it will be observed that both these gentlemen obtained their university education abroad, it is interesting to note that they are both New-Zealanders by birth. Two other appointments were made during the year: Miss Lillian Boynton Storms, M.Sc., Ph.D., Columbia, has been appointed Lecturer in Dietetics in the home-science department, and Miss Gladys McGill, B.S. Columbia, as Lecturer in Clothing and Textiles in the same department. I think it can now be fairly claimed that the home-science department gives students a practical as well as a good theoretical knowledge of the subjects taught.

Benefactions.—I cannot conclude this report without making grateful recognition of various valuable gifts which the University received during the past year. First of all I must refer to the great generosity of Dr. V. Barnett, who gave the Council a sum of £8,000 for the endowment of the Chair of Surgery. The gift was all the more welcome from the fact that Dr. Barnett stated it was given as a mark of his appreciation of the community service rendered by the University and of his personal gratitude for benefits received. Among other valuable gifts was that of Mr. Willi Fels who, presented to the Museum his magnificent collection of oriental weapons and armour.

New Buildings.—The new Medical and Dental Schools, to which I referred in my last report, are now in course of construction, and when they are completed they will undoubtedly enable the work of these departments to be carried on much more efficiently than is the case at present. It must be stated, however, that the annual upkeep of these two departments will be very much increased after their transfer to their new quarters, and the Council will find it necessary to approach the Government for increased annual grants.

New Activities.—The University activities are already very considerable, but every year seems to mark some increase. During the past year, at the request of the health and the nursing profession, the Council instituted a course in nursing. The students will spend two years in the home-science department, will then take two years' practical work in a hospital, and will then take a final year