

5. UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO.

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Also lecturers, demonstrators, and assistants.

Registrar.—H. Chapman, Esq., B.A.

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 of the proceedings of the University of Otago for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

The Council.—Early in the year Sir H. Lindo Ferguson tendered his resignation, since he was leaving for England and expected to be absent from the Dominion for nearly a year. To fill the vacancy thus created, the Professorial Board elected as its representative Dr. J. K. H. Inglis, Professor of Chemistry, who during the period of his office as a Councillor did very useful work. On Sir Lindo Ferguson's return to New Zealand Dr. Inglis resigned his seat, and Sir Lindo was again appointed by the Professorial Board.

Teaching Staff.—The chief change in the teaching staff has been occasioned by the resignation from the Chair of Dentistry of Professor H. P. Pickerill. Dr. Pickerill had occupied the chair since the establishment of the Dental School in 1907, and during the past twenty years had seen very great development in this important branch of the University work. As a researcher Dr. Pickerill made a world-wide reputation which brought honour not only to himself, but to the University of Otago. The vacancy created by Dr. Pickerill's resignation has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Bevan Dodds, D.D.S., who previously held the position of Associate Professor of Dentistry.

During the year resignations were received from the following members of the sub-professorial staff in the Arts and Science School: Miss Bertha Clement, assistant to the Professor of English; Miss C. S. Bell, assistant to the Professor of Mathematics; and Mr. R. W. Souter, assistant to the Professors of Economics and Philosophy.

During the year Mr. Souter won a prize of the value of \$5,000 offered by the Pollok Foundation for the best criticism of a book on "Profits." He has now left for America to undertake research work in the field of economics.

The following new appointments should be noted: Mr. A. A. Orton, Lecturer in Mathematics, and Mr. G. M. Cameron, assistant to the Professor of English. Resignations and new appointments in the other faculties are referred to in the reports of the respective deans.

Building Accommodation.—The new Medical School was opened in February by the Hon. W. Downie Stewart, Minister of Finance. The building is proving of the utmost value in the efficient carrying-on of the work of the school. The building vacated by the anatomy and physiology classes has been adapted for the use of the classes of chemistry and geology, which were urgently in need of additional accommodation.

Benefactions.—I have pleasure in recording the fact that during the year the Council has received several donations of which the following are the most important: Plunket Society, £3,000 for study in child welfare; Dunedin City Corporation, £1,250 for Museum extension; Miss Jane Crow and Messrs. James and William Crow, £1,000 for medical and dental research; Dunedin Savings-bank, £1,000 for general purposes; Bank of New Zealand, £500 for Museum-extension; Sir Louis Barnett, £250 (part of a gift of £1,000) for playing-fields. To these benefactors the Council expresses its most sincere thanks.

Pressing Needs.—There are many pressing needs in the University, but I venture to refer to the following as among the most urgent: *Salaries of teaching staff.*—It is the view of the Council that the salary payable to a professor should not be less than £1,000 per annum, and that such salaries should be paid to lecturers and assistants as will attract good applicants, and retain those appointed for a reasonable time. It is sincerely trusted that financial provision will be made by the Government to enable these reforms to be effected. *Teaching of Midwifery.*—The necessity for increased facilities to permit of the more efficient teaching of midwifery to medical students has for some time been engaging the attention of the Council. Representations on this subject have recently been made to the Council by the Medical Faculty, and the Council proposes to place certain proposals before the Government at an early date.