

view of the Council, however, that the time had arrived for the appointment of a Professor who would devote the whole of his time to his teaching duties. To secure a suitable man for such a post as this it was evident that a substantial salary should be offered, and the amount of this salary was fixed at £2,000 per annum. It is difficult for the Council to find words to express its indebtedness to the New Zealand Obstetrical Society for the steps taken to make possible the payment of this large amount, but I must record the magnificent effort as a result of which the society handed to the Council the sum of £31,854. Of this sum £25,000 is to be used as an endowment for the Chair, and the balance as a scholarship endowment. To supplement this effort the Government promised a subsidy of £1 for £1 up to £25,000, and £10,000 has been paid on account.

*Benefactions.*—Besides the endowment for the Chair of Obstetrics, other important benefactions have been received in the course of the year. Of these I may mention a bequest from the late Mrs. Urie for cancer research, £2,813 9s. 10d. ; a bequest from the late Mr. W. E. Tait for general purposes, £1,039 9s. ; and a bequest from the late Miss C. A. Fulton for the Taieri Scholarship, £300.

*New Buildings.*—During the past year two new buildings have been brought into commission—viz., the Ethnographic Wing of the Museum, and Upper Studholme House. The former was provided by public subscription, assisted by Government subsidy. To Mr. Willi Fels the Council owes a heavy debt of gratitude, for it was largely through his generosity and untiring efforts that the funds for the erection and endowment of the Museum were raised. It is with much pleasure that I am able to report that, after the building was paid for, an endowment of over £27,000 was left in the hands of the Council. The Museum was formerly opened by Sir Frederick Chapman on the 15th October, 1930. I referred to Upper Studholme House in my last report. This building was renovated and furnished during the year, and has been of the utmost value as an additional hostel for home-science students.

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