

5. UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO.

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REPORT (EXTRACTS).

In accordance with the provisions of the University of Otago Ordinance, 1869, I have the honour to report on the proceedings of the University of Otago for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Council.—During the year the biennial election of members of the Council took place. The retiring representatives of Convocation were the Right Rev. Bishop Fitchett, who had very worthily represented the Court since 1932, but decided, much to the regret of his colleagues on the Council, not to offer himself for re-election, and Mr. J. W. Howorth, a younger graduate who during his three years of membership had done useful work. I wish to place on record the Council's high appreciation of the services of both. The newly elected representatives are Mr. H. P. Kidson, M.A., B.Sc., and Miss M. W. May, M.A.

Towards the close of the year Dr. C. E. Hercus, one of the representatives of the Professorial Board, resigned his seat owing to his intended absence during the session on a visit to England and America. Dr. D. W. Carmalt Jones was elected in his stead.

The term of office of Mr. G. R. Ritchie, one of the Government nominees, expired on 30th June, but a further appointment has not yet been made.

The Teaching Staff.—An important step was taken during the year in relation to the staffing of the Medical School. On the emphatic advice of the Medical Faculty the Council decided that the Chair of Medicine should be a full-time position, and it accordingly approached the Government for funds to permit of the appointment of a Professor at a salary of £2,000 per annum.

I wish to express the Council's high appreciation of the Government's action in acceding to this request. The position has been advertised, and an appointment will be made during the current year.

An addition to the Professoriate has been made by the establishment of a Chair of Music for which the salary is provided by the Blair Bequest. This is at present a part-time position. The new Professor is Dr. V. E. Galway, who for the past thirteen years has with much success acted as Lecturer in the subject.

Several other changes in the lecturing staff are referred to in the reports of the various Deans.

Medical Research.—During the year a forward movement has taken place in relation to medical research. Funds for this purpose have been provided by the Medical Research Council, and it will now be possible to extend materially the researches conducted in the School in nutrition, goitre, and hydatids. Owing to a generous grant from the Travis Trustees a research in tuberculosis will now also be undertaken. The various researches undertaken in the Medical School have now been grouped in a special department of research, which is for the present under the personal direction of the Dean.

Museum.—The most important development in relation to the Museum during the year has been the appointment of a Keeper of Zoology. Mr. F. G. Gardiner Peake, M.A. (Oxon.), who has had experience in museums in England and Australia, has been appointed to this post, and it is confidently anticipated that the zoology section will, as a result of his work, be made a much more useful and attractive display.

I wish also to refer to the appointment of Mr. G. D. Anderson as Educational Officer on the Museum staff. By arranging visits to the Museum from school children and by forwarding selected exhibits to the schools Mr. Anderson is doing much to stimulate an interest among their pupils in the various studies for which the Museum provides material.