

the lecturer on surgery, also received leave of absence, and Dr. Barnett was appointed to carry on the duties of the lectureship for this session. The lecturer on the German language, Dr. Bulau, resigned the appointment which he had held for many years. The Council have not yet chosen his successor.

In connection with the staff of the School of Mines the following appointments have been made: Lecturer on geology, Alexander Purdie, M.A.; lecturer on applied mechanics, John Thomson, B.E.; lecturer on mine and land surveying, Matthew Begg. Messrs. A. R. Barclay, B.A., LL.B., and W. A. Stout, B.A., LL.B., were reappointed lecturers on constitutional history and law, and on the law of property, respectively. To these must be added Mr. D. W. Wilkinson, the lecturer on assaying and metallurgy, engaged specially from England, with the co-operation of the Government, for the furthering of the mining interests of the colony. Although the Government have seen fit to abolish the office of Government Analyst, formerly held by Professor Black, the chemical laboratory is still available for public service; Professor Black performing all analyses requiring wet reagents, and Mr. Wilkinson, all analyses of ores and coals at the School of Mines.

Among the benefactions received during the past year from other sources may be mentioned a contribution for physical apparatus from the Presbyterian Church Board of Property of £60 7s. 4d., and the expenditure of the legacy of £100 left by the late Professor Mainwaring Brown on books for the library in the department of English literature.

The Council have been much engaged during the past year in considering the internal administration and arrangements of the various faculties, and have decided to constitute a faculty of medicine, for the better organization and conduct of the medical classes of the University and in the Hospital. The Council have appointed Professor J. H. Scott as the first Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, and the Chairman of the Hospital staff for the time being Vice-Dean,—Dr. Coughtrey being the first occupant of the office. (Schedule B.) The Council have also made arrangements for receiving monthly reports and returns of lectures, &c., from all professors and lecturers.

The Council have pleasure in reporting that the Museum of the University has been greatly increased in area by the erection a temporary wing, and a great number of valuable exhibits have been received from the Government of this colony, and from the Government of New South Wales. The work of arranging these has been ably carried out by Professor T. J. Parker, F.R.S., the curator, and his efficient staff. The present condition of the Museum is a credit to the University, and to all concerned.

The Art Society of Dunedin have deposited their collection of pictures in a public art gallery, which has been erected by public subscriptions, and forms part of the Museum addition. The whole is under the care of the Museum Curator.

The balance-sheet for the year ending the 31st March, 1891, is appended.

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D. M. STUART, D.D., Chancellor.

His Excellency the Earl of Onslow, G.C.M.G., &c., Governor of New Zealand.

SCHEDULE A.—SCHOOL OF MINES.

REGULATIONS AND PLAN OF INSTRUCTION.

1. The session is the same as in the arts course, commencing in the first week in April, and lasting for six months. The mode of instruction is by systematic courses of lectures in the prescribed branches of study, in connection with written and oral examinations, by practical work in the laboratories; and also, according to circumstances and opportunities, by inspection of mines, and by field excursions.

2. The classes are open to all persons over fifteen years of age. There is no entrance examination, but students enrolling themselves are expected to possess a fair knowledge of English and arithmetic, as well as some acquaintance with elementary mathematics, since otherwise they will derive little benefit from the lectures, and can scarcely hope to pass examinations which are held at the termination of each year's course.

3. The fees are the same as those charged in the arts course—namely, £3 3s. for each course of lectures occupying not less than three hours per week during the whole session, £1 10s. 6d. for any course occupying two hours per week, and £1 1s. for a course of one hour per week. In addition to the class fees, students are required to pay a college fee of £1 1s. per session. All fees must be paid in advance to the Registrar, including also 5s. for microscope fee.

4. There are four divisions in the mining school—the mining, the metallurgical, the geological, and the mine surveying. In the first three divisions the course of study can be completed in three years, and in the fourth division in two years, provided students enter in years ending with an odd number, as 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and strictly follow the curriculum prescribed for each division. They may enter in intermediate years, but owing to certain lecture courses being given only in alternate years they will require an additional year for passing through the curriculum, unless they take more than the ordinary number of classes. Students who pass the examinations in any of the first three divisions obtain the distinction or title with diploma of "Associate of the University School of Mines, Otago." On passing successfully the examination in the fourth division they are entitled to receive the certificate of "Mining Surveyor."

5. Students may qualify themselves for certificates in two or more of the above-named divisions by attending the lectures, passing the examinations in the special subjects, and conforming to the rules regarding practical work (see Regulation 10) prescribed for the respective divisions. For example: A student following the course laid down for the associateship in the mining division may obtain also a certificate in the metallurgical division by attending the classes of metallurgy and going through the extended course of metallurgical laboratory practice specially prescribed for the latter division. It will not, however, generally be possible to complete such combined course within three years.