

the Council was enabled to retire the Professor with £300 per annum during his lifetime. On the 4th April, 1908, the Professorial Board elected Dr. J. H. Scott to the seat on the Council vacated by Professor Sale. The Council reappointed Mr. T. K. Sidey, M.P., and Dr. Church its representatives on the High School Board; and Mr. J. Allen, M.P., Vice-Chancellor, was appointed to the New Zealand University Senate in place of Professor Sale.

*Staff.*—The Council noted with great satisfaction honours that have come to two members of the staff. Professor Benham has been made a Fellow of the Royal Society, and Dr. Colquhoun Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. During the year Dr. Riley resigned his position as Tutor in Surgery, and Dr. W. Newlands was appointed in his place. The Council did not see its way to select a Professor of Classics owing to want of necessary funds. Satisfactory arrangements have, however, been made with Mr. T. D. Adams, a graduate of Otago University, to take the lectures in Latin, and with Mr. James Dunbar in Greek. Dr. Pickerill arrived in the Dominion on the 14th September, 1907, and commenced his work as Director of the Dental School on the 16th September. Dr. Pickerill has been given the status of professor. The salary of Mr. F. H. Campbell, Lecturer on German, has been raised to £75 per annum. Mr. G. E. Thompson, Lecturer on French, was given leave of absence during the first three weeks of the session to enable him to visit Europe. In this connection I desire to draw Your Excellency's attention to the value which must accrue by professors either exchanging with those of the Mother-country or having facilities given to them for visits to older lands. Victoria University communicated with my Council on this subject during the year, and I should be pleased to hear that some provision could be made for this purpose.

The number of those who give honorary assistance to the work of teaching in the Otago University continues to increase. This year Messrs. H. A. Dodgshun, T. A. Hunter, C. W. Hay, F. Throp, T. Glendining, F. Armstrong, O. V. Davies, J. Dunlop, H. D. Brewer, A. Thompson, A. J. Chrystall, and Dr. H. Ziele have been appointed on the staff as honorary dental surgeons; Dr. Stuart A. Moore and Dr. Fitchett as honorary anaesthetists; Dr. Colquhoun as honorary physician; and Dr. Barnett as honorary surgeon to the Dental Hospital.

*Report of Chairman, Professorial Board.*—This year a report from the Chairman of the Professorial Board is forwarded; and particulars of attendance, degrees, scholarships, and prizes will be found in it. The Council has been able to raise the annual value of the Richardson and Macandrew Scholarships to £30 as from 1st April, 1908.

*Research Scholarships.*—In my report of last year the necessity for provision to carry on post-graduate work was referred to, and I note with great pleasure the establishment by Parliament of Research Scholarships. Immediately on being informed, the Council constituted the Board, with Professor Park as Chairman. To give full value to this research-work it will be necessary to make the latest literature on the question for research available to the student either by strengthening the local libraries or by some means of circulating the necessary literature.

*Dental School.*—I am pleased to be able to report that the school is being very successfully conducted. The building, equipment, and protection of the river-bank cost £478 7s. 11d. more than was provided by Parliament and the contribution of the Dentists of New Zealand. Further equipment is urgently needed to keep pace with growing requirements. This has been represented to the Minister of Education, and it is hoped provision will be made on this year's estimates. It is hardly necessary to point out that the school, as the only training institution in the Dominion for dentists, must be up to the standard of similar institutions in older lands if the results are to be what the University may be proud of.

Shortly after Dr. Pickerill's arrival a dental faculty was created, with Dr. Pickerill as Chairman, and the teachers and honorary staff as the other members. The faculty will advise the Council on any matter relating to the Dental Hospital and the training of dental students. Arrangements have been made for the extraction and filling department to be open during the vacation. Certificates of attendance are granted for post-graduate work. The official opening of the Dental School by the Hon. G. Fowlds, Minister of Education, took place on the 4th April, 1908. Your Prime Minister was also present. Outside interest continues in the school, as is evidenced by the fact that the Odontological Society gave the cases for the Museum, and the New Zealand Consolidated Dental Company have intimated their intention to present a dental chair.

*Mining School.*—My Council is grateful to Parliament for the vote of £4,000, supplemented later on by an assurance from your Minister of a further £1,000, towards the new Mining School building. The contract has been let for £4,363, and the building is in process of erection. Further particulars will be found in the report of the Director, which is attached.

*Medical School.*—This school continues its good work. Improvement in the facilities for teaching will result from the establishment of a Maternity Home in Forth Street, towards which the Council has agreed to pay £25 per annum for cost of material, &c., used by students.

In last year's report reference was made to the necessity for the representation of the Council on the Board of Hospital Trustees. The interests of the school are so closely bound up with the Hospital that I again respectfully draw your attention to this matter.

*Veterinary School.*—Correspondence has taken place with the Minister of Lands and the Minister of Education on this question. Interviews have been held with Mr. Gilruth, and quite lately with the Inspector-General of Schools. As a result the Minister of Education has been informed that the Council is willing and anxious to establish the school, will find a site, and, if the necessary funds are provided, will arrange a complete course which will be recognised by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, and also a subsidiary course for the training of Inspectors of the Agricultural Department; this course to occupy about nineteen months, including two winter sessions and one summer. There seems no reason, other than the want of the necessary funds, why New Zealand should not at once commence the training of veterinary experts and well-trained Inspectors for the Agricultural Department; and it may be hoped Parliament will make the necessary provision this year.