

*Winners of Scholarships and Prizes in the University of Otago (Session 1907).*—The Macandrew Scholarship (Political Economy), Thomas Joseph Griffen; the Stewart Prize (Mental Science), Elizabeth Gordon; the Ulrich Memorial Medal (Mineralogy and Petrography), Edward Fletcher Roberts; the MacGregor Prize (Mental Science), Charles Alexander Stewart; the Parker Memorial Prize (Biology), Gladys Christian Mary Cameron; the James Clark £7 Book Prize (Latin), William Alexander; the James Clark £7 Book Prize (English), Arthur Watt; the James Clark £7 Book Prize (Mental Science), Henry Havelock Cornish.

*Successes in Games and Athletics.*—During session 1907 our first fifteen team of Rugby footballers, after a brilliant season, won, for the second year in succession, the Premiership of the Dunedin Clubs, and thus gained the Senior Grade Banner.

The Men's and Ladies' University Hockey Clubs are very flourishing institutions, and have supplied a felt need in the University. In 1907 the men's club again secured the premier position among the Dunedin clubs, and thus won, for the second time, the MacLean Challenge Cup for Hockey. In the midwinter recess the men's club had a most successful tour in the north, and gave a very good account of themselves even against clubs of long standing.

Tennis and fives have also been played as usual.

At the Intercollegiate Tournament held in March, 1907, at Auckland, the Athletic Shield was won by the Otago University athletic team for the third time in succession.

*Successes of Former Students.*—Under this head I intentionally exclude the successes of former students in passing examinations for British diplomas and degrees in medicine and in gaining important appointments in medicine and mining, as these matters properly belong to my colleagues, Dr. Scott (Dean of the Faculty of Medicine) and Professor Park (Director of the Mining School). Mr. James Allan Thomson, the first of New Zealand's Rhodes Scholars, has been appointed Lecturer on Geology in St. John's College, Oxford, and Demonstrator in Petrology to the University of Oxford. He has also been elected a Fellow of the Geological Society. The Hon. John George Findlay, LL.D., Attorney-General, and Saul Solomon, Esq., have been appointed K.C.s. Several of our athletes and footballers have distinguished themselves in Great Britain. I may mention more especially George Martin Chapman, of Caius College, Cambridge, who, having played in the annual match against Oxford in December last, has won his "blue" as a Cambridge University Rugby footballer; and Colin Macdonald Gilray, of University College, Oxford, who, having been included in the Scottish National Team that defeated the English team in the annual Rugby football match, has thus won his "cap" as an International Rugby footballer.

*Honours to the University Staff.*—It gives me peculiar pleasure to mention that two esteemed colleagues have been selected for special honour by Home institutions of the highest standing, Dr. Benham having been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, and Dr. Colquhoun having been elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. We tender our hearty congratulations to these gentlemen.

*Beverly Bequest.*—In September last the Council was informed that the late Arthur Beverly, a modest and retiring gentleman of remarkable scientific gifts and acquirements, had bequeathed the greater part of his property to the University of Otago for the teaching of mathematical, mechanical, and physical sciences, and for the founding of scholarships. This welcome gift, which is valued at over £15,000, will, if wisely allotted and administered, prove an immense boon to the University, and will immortalise the name of the generous donor in connection with Otago's principal educational institution.

*Research Scholarship.*—During the year under review the New Zealand Education Department has taken a very important forward step by establishing four Research Scholarships—one to be open annually for competition at each of the four University colleges. A strong Board has been appointed, of which Professor Park is Chairman, to undertake the management of the Otago University Scholarship. The scholarship, which is of the value of £100 a year, is tenable for two years, with a possible extension to three years, and is open only to graduates, the Education Department having very wisely decided that the proper time for original research is *after* graduation, when the holder of the scholarship will be presumably a well-educated man, thoroughly grounded in scientific principles and methods, and having a sound knowledge of the results reached by earlier scientific workers. The Government of Sir Joseph Ward is to be heartily congratulated on establishing these scholarships. This action of the Government is only one among many gratifying proofs of the increasing sensitiveness of the Ministry to the needs and importance of the higher education. The holders of these scholarships must devote their whole time to some form of research that is likely to be of benefit to the industries of the Dominion.

*Institutions and General Life of the University.*—In addition to the athletic clubs, the other University institutions for the benefit of students, such as the executive of the Students' Association, the Debating Society, the Christian Union, and the Kahanga Club, have met regularly as usual, and have had very successful sessions. During the year under review the Dental School has begun what we all hope will be a long and prosperous career. Professor Pickerill has entered on his duties with great vigour and enthusiasm, and his well-directed zeal will doubtless have a most beneficial effect on the students and on the school generally.

In March last it was found, when the tenders for the new building for the School of Mines were considered, that the Government grant of £4,000 would not be sufficient for the erection of the building. The Government was accordingly informed of the position, and on the 13th of the month a telegram was received from the Minister of Education (the Hon. George Fowlds) intimating that the Cabinet had authorised a grant of an additional £1,000 for the school. The timely generosity of the Government enabled operations to be begun at once, and by the beginning of next session a thoroughly suitable and well-equipped building will be ready for the staff and students. The Otago School of Mines, which possesses an able and enthusiastic staff of teachers, is bound, when it enters its new building, to become increasingly useful and prosperous. It is: