

*Requirements of the University.*

The increase in the number of students attending the University owing to the closer attachment with the Training College makes the provision of two additional class-rooms, each capable of accommodating not less than 100 students.

*An Urgent Matter.*

The question of providing a Student's Union building, similar to those which have been instituted in non-residential universities at Home, and containing common-rooms—reading and committee rooms, a luncheon-room, cloak-rooms—and, if possible, a gymnasium, has been forced upon the Council by the extreme inadequacy of the existing accommodation. Local efforts are being made to raise funds for this good purpose, and it is hoped that, with a Government subsidy of £1 for £1, sufficient accommodation will be provided to supply this long-felt want.

JOSHUA STRANGE WILLIAMS, Chancellor.

## PROFESSORIAL BOARD: REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN (PROFESSOR THOMAS GILRAY, M.A., F.R.S.E.).

I HAVE the honour of submitting a general report on the work and history of the University during the academic year that ended on the 31st March, 1909. I greatly regret that severe pressure of work has prevented me from presenting this report at an earlier date.

*Statistics of Attendance.*

The Registrar has supplied the following statistics for session 1908 :—

Number of students in arts and science .. .. .	230
"          in medicine .. .. .	81
"          in dentistry .. .. .	14
"          in mining .. .. .	14
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>339</b>
Number of male students .. .. .	236
"      female students .. .. .	103
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>339</b>
Matriculated students—	
Males .. .. .	201
Females .. .. .	100
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>301</b>
Non-matriculated students—	
Males .. .. .	35
Females .. .. .	3
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>38</b>

*General Statement of Academic Results.*

It gives me great pleasure to inform the Council that session 1908 was in many respects a very successful year. As a result of the Arts and Science Examinations held by the Home examiners in November, 1908, and of the Examinations in Medicine, held in January, 1909, by examiners resident in New Zealand, 10 of our students have taken the degree of Bachelor of Arts, 3 have taken the degree of Bachelor of Science, 1 has taken the degree of Bachelor of Laws, 9 have taken the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery, 1 has taken the degree of Master of Arts without honours, 9 have taken the degree of Master of Arts with honours, 2 have taken the degree of Master of Science, 1 has taken the degree of Master of Laws, and 1 has taken the degree of Doctor of Medicine. This makes a total of 37 degrees for 1908. In Senior Scholarships, we did not do so well last session as usual, although one of our students—Henry Havelock Cornish—was successful in winning two scholarships. But in the highest academic test of all, the winning of first-class honours, 1908 is our record year. On several previous occasions we have gained 4 firsts; 1908, however, is, I believe, the first occasion on which we have gained 5 firsts.

*Otago University Winners of New Zealand University Scholarships (1908).*

Senior Scholarship in English—Henry Havelock Cornish.

Senior Scholarship in Mental Science—Henry Havelock Cornish.

Medical Travelling Scholarship—Thomas William James Johnson.