

THE DENTAL SCHOOL: REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (PROFESSOR H. PERCY PICKERILL, M.B., Ch.B., B.D.S., L.D.S., Eng.)

THE school has continued to progress during the past twelve months. During this time there have been 19 students in attendance, 8 of whom are taking the full course for the B.D.S. degrees, and the remaining 11 being post-graduate students.

*Staff.*

Mr. Dunlop has resigned from his position on the staff, and Mr. C. W. Hay has been granted twelve months leave of absence, in order to visit Europe. An assistant in mechanical dentistry, Mr. Hawkins, has been added to the staff. Mr. Hawkins came from England, and commenced his duties at the beginning of January, and has continued to fulfil them with complete satisfaction. Students are now (especially those working for the degree) able to have more supervision and assistance in the important subject of mechanical dentistry than was possible before, and their comparative progress has been very marked.

*Clinical Work.*

The number of fresh patients placed on the books of the school during the year was 639. The total number of operations performed during the year was 3,381. Of this number, 850 were permanent fillings, 500 were simple extractions, 183 anæsthetic cases, and 260 operations in connection with the insertion of 128 dentures. The number of patients attending continues to be more than can be adequately dealt with.

*Equipment.*

Since the last report the Government have voted a sum of £2,100 for the proper equipment of the school. This will enable the school to be equipped in a thoroughly modern manner with electrical appliances and pathological laboratory, a sufficiency of suitable operating chairs, as well as in a number of other ways bringing the school quite up to date.

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THE MEDICAL SCHOOL: REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (PROFESSOR J. SCOTT, M.D., M.R.C.S.).

THE number of students attending classes this winter is 92. Of these, 8 belong to the Dental School. Eleven of our students passed their final examination this year, and have received the degree of M.B., Ch.B., from the New Zealand University. Most of these are now acting as house surgeons to the larger hospitals throughout the Dominion, while some have gone to England to continue their studies. The degree of M.D. was conferred upon one candidate, Dr. Patrick. The travelling scholarship offered by the New Zealand University has been awarded to Dr. Johnson, who is at present one of the house surgeons to the Dunedin Hospital.

The clinical laboratory recently instituted at the Hospital is doing good work under the care of Dr. Roberts, and is found to be of use not only to the medical staff and to the students, but also to the practitioners of the town. A lecture-room has also been provided at the Hospital, and teaching is now being carried on under much more satisfactory conditions than in former years.

Dr. Batchelor, Lecturer on Midwifery and Diseases of Women, has resigned his position. His successor has not yet been appointed.