

grant is earmarked for scholarships. This amount has been increased to £2,000, a sum practically sufficient to cover the cost of the scholarships awarded. The balance for 1910 has consequently remained intact, and, being interest-bearing, has increased during the year by over £1,000. It will therefore be seen that the Scholarship Account of the University is on a very good financial basis.

In December, 1911, the standard of matriculation was raised. It is now defined as that which may reasonably be expected from students who have completed a four-years course at a secondary school. As a result, the number of entrants and the number of passes decreased considerably, but on the other hand there can be no doubt that the change will make for greater efficiency in the University colleges.

At its January meeting the Senate considered the recommendations of the Professorial Boards and District Courts of Convocation on the question of amalgamating the B.A. and B.Sc. degrees, and it was resolved that the whole question be referred to a Professorial Conference to be held in Wellington in November next.

The question of English history also received careful attention, and it was decided to make this a separate subject for the B.A. degree. There is no doubt that this subject has received too little attention in the past, and it is hoped that the new departure will result in its fuller appreciation by teachers and, by a reflex action, by pupils of primary and secondary schools.

DEGREES CONFERRED AND SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED.

At its annual meeting in January of the present year the Senate conferred degrees and awarded scholarships as set out in the table below. For the sake of clearness no notice has been taken of similar degrees awarded on the results of a single examination—as, for instance, Master and Honours, or the double degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery.

TABLE M.—DEGREES CONFERRED BY THE NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY AT THE BEGINNING OF 1912.

Degrees.	Auckland University College.			Victoria College.			Canterbury College.			Otago University.			Total.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Doctor of Science .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1
Doctor of Medicine .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	2	..	2
Honours in Arts.. ..	4	2	6	3	6	9	7	2	9	10	4	14	24	14	38
Honours in Science	1	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	1	4	..	4
Honours in Laws .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Master of Arts	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	3	..	3
Master of Laws	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Master of Science .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	2	..	2
Bachelor of Arts.. ..	5	2	7	12	7	19	7	2	9	12	13	25	36	24	60
" Science	2	..	2	1	1	2	..	..	..	7	..	7	10	1	11
" Engineering (electrical) .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1
" (mechanical) .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" Medicine and Surgery.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	10	10	..	10
" Dental Surgery .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	2	..	2
" Laws	6	..	6	9	..	9	5	..	5	3	..	3	23	..	23
" Commerce .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1
Senior University Scholarships	2	1	3	3	1	4	1	..	1	4	..	4	10	2	12
John Tinline Scholarships	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
	23	5	28	29	15	44	24	4	28	55	17	72	131	41	172

Out of 1,900 students on the books of the University colleges there were thus 159 who rose from undergraduates to graduates—a percentage of 8·4, as against 7·3 for 1910.

Three degrees of Doctor were awarded, one in medicine and two in science, The degree in dentistry was the first so far conferred, and there have not yet been any Doctors of Music, Bachelors of Agriculture, or Bachelors of Veterinary Science.