

*Staff.*

*Professors.*—Physics—Robert Jack, M.A., D.Sc., Ph.D. Göttingen; Anatomy—William Percy Gowland, M.D., B.S., F.R.G.S.; Mental and Moral Philosophy—Francis Wallace Dunlop, M.A. (N.Z.), Ph.D. Jena; English Language and Literature—Thomas Gilray, M.A., Hon. LL.D., F.R.S.E.; Biology—William Blaxland Benham, D.Sc., M.A., F.R.S.; Mining—James Park, M.Am.Inst.M.E., M.Inst.M.M., F.G.S.; Physiology—John Malcolm, M.D., Ch.B.; Mathematics, Pure and Applied—David James Richards, M.A.; Dentistry—Henry Percy Pickerill, M.D., Ch.B., M.D.S., L.D.S., R.C.S., absent on military duties (O. V. Davis, *locum tenens*); Surgery—Louis Edward Barnett, M.D., C.M. F.R.C.S.; also one emeritus professor; Geology and Mineralogy—William Noel Benson, D.Sc., B.A., F.G.S.; Medicine—Daniel Colquhoun, M.D., F.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.; Pathology—William Stewart Roberts, M.R.C.S.; Ophthalmology—Henry Lindo Ferguson, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.S.I., L.K.Q.C.P.I.; Metallurgy and Assaying—Daniel Black Waters, A.O.S.M.; Home Science and Domestic Arts—Winifred L. Boys-Smith; Chemistry—John Kenneth Harold Inglis, M.A., D.Sc., F.I.C.; Bacteriology and Public Health—Sydney Taylor Champtaloup, M.B., Ch.B., B.Sc., P.H.; Clinical Pathology—Alexander Murray Drennan, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.P.; Classics—Thomas Dagger Adams, M.A.; History and Economics, H. D. Bedford, M.A., Litt.D.; Modern Languages—G. E. Thompson, M.A.

Lecturers, Tutors, and Demonstrators, thirty.

*Registrar*—H. Chapman, Esq., B.A.

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

I have the honour herewith to submit a report on the proceedings of the University of Otago for the year ended 31st December, 1917.

*The Teaching Staff.*—The Council has to deplore the death, under tragic circumstances, of Dr. H. D. Bedford, Professor of Economics and History. Professor Bedford was a distinguished graduate of the University, was Lecturer on Economics since 1907, and in 1915 was appointed to the professorship of Economics and History. He was a clear and inspiring teacher; his writings on economic problems showed originality of thought and deep study, whilst as a public speaker he was endowed with rare eloquence. His death, almost at the threshold of his career, is a severe loss to the University. I also regret to record the death during the year of Dr. F. Ogston, who was appointed to the staff of the Medical School in 1886, and who had done useful work as Lecturer on Public Health and Professor of Medical Jurisprudence. Further changes on the staff have been occasioned through the resignation by Mr. J. Dunbar of the lectureship on Greek, a position which he had occupied with much success since 1907; also through the vacation of the Chair of Mathematics by Professor D. J. Richards. During the year also the Council considered it advisable to appoint a Professor of Classics, and this important chair was entrusted to Mr. T. D. Adams, M.A., who since 1907 had acted with conspicuous success as Lecturer on Latin.

The Council has considered it fitting to delay filling the Chair of Mathematics and the Chair of Economics and History until more settled times are reached. In the meantime arrangements have been made by which Professor Thompson is teaching the mathematics classes, and Archdeacon Woodthorpe the classes in economics and history. Temporary appointments have also been made necessary by the fact that Professor Adams enlisted for active service. In his absence the Latin classes are being taught by Miss M. I. Turnbull, and the Greek classes by Mr. K. A. Saunders.

*Bursaries.*—The Council desires to place on record its appreciation of the action of the Hon. the Minister of Public Health in increasing to eight the number of bursaries awarded to the final-year students in medicine. This action should help to promote the work of the Medical School, and also to assist the medical services of the Dominion.

It is with pleasure that I am able to record that a bursary scheme has also been instituted in connection with the Dental School. Owing to the generosity of Mr. T. K. Sidey, M.P., and the dentists of New Zealand, a sum of more than £1,800 (including the Government subsidy) has been made available, and thirteen holders of dental bursaries are now in attendance at the school. The funds available will provide bursaries for these students over a course of four years, but will not be sufficient to enable the Council to offer bursaries at the commencement of next year. In view of the shortage of dentists and of the national importance of the proper care of the teeth, the Council trusts that Your Excellency may see fit to provide for a permanent scheme of dental bursaries.

*Home Science School.*—The Council begs to draw Your Excellency's attention to the urgent necessity for new buildings for the Home Science School. This school has developed very rapidly, and at the present time there are fifty-eight students in attendance. The only accommodation provided, however, consists of a portion of the old Mining School, which is in a very dilapidated condition, and is totally unfitted for present requirements. The Council has an excellent site for a new school on Tannahill, and it is sincerely hoped that the Government may agree to erect the necessary buildings without delay.

*Finance.*—I have to record the satisfaction of the Council in the passing of an amendment to the Otago University Reserves Act, 1904. Under this amendment the whole of the rents received from the Council's reserves is paid to the University, and this has considerably relieved the financial difficulties in which the Council was placed. Owing, however, to the fact that the new Medical School buildings involved the Council in a debt of over £5,000, the finances of the University will be straitened for some years to come. The Council is still labouring under a debenture debt of £7,000, which I trust the Government may liquidate in the near future.

*The War.*—More than five hundred University students are now on active service at the front, and seventeen members of the staff are also serving with the colours. Your Excellency will, I feel sure, join with the Council in expressing sympathy with the parents and relatives of those who have fallen, and in congratulating those who have won military honours. The Council feels assured that the traditions of the University will be nobly upheld by its soldier sons.

ANDREW CAMERON, Chancellor.