

The Right Reverend Dr. Croke, Roman Catholic Bishop, Auckland ;
 His Honor Oswald Curtis, Nelson ;
 The Honorable William Fitzherbert, Wellington ;
 The Honorable Captain Thomas Fraser, M.L.C., Otago ;
 The Honorable Morgan Stanislaus Grace, M.D., M.L.C., Wellington ;
 The Right Reverend Henry John Chitty Harper, Bishop of Christchurch, Canterbury ;
 James Hector, Esq., M.D., F.R.S., Wellington ;
 The Reverend William Johnston, Otago ;
 His Honor James Macandrew, Otago ;
 The Honorable Henry John Miller, M.L.C., Otago ;
 His Honor William Rolleston, Canterbury ;
 The Honorable Edward William Stafford, Nelson ;
 The Honorable Robert Stokes, M.L.C., Wellington ;
 Henry John Tancred, Esq., Canterbury ;

And whereas it is expedient that a time and place should be fixed for the first meeting of the Council so appointed :

Now therefore, I, Sir George Ferguson Bowen, do hereby fix and appoint that the first meeting of the said Council shall be held at the Otago University Building, at Dunedin, in the Province of Otago, on Wednesday, the thirty-first day of May next, at twelve o'clock at noon.

Given under the hand of His Excellency Sir George Ferguson Bowen, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New Zealand and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same ; and issued under the Seal of the said Colony, at Wellington, this twenty-fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

W. GISBORNE.

No. 5.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 28th April, 1871.

(Circular.)

SIR,—

I have the honor to enclose "The New Zealand University Act, 1870," and a *New Zealand Gazette*, No. 12, dated the 18th of February last, containing an Order in Council appointing the Council (of which you are a member) of the University of New Zealand. I also enclose a *Gazette*, No. 25, of this day, containing a notice under the hand of His Excellency the Governor, summoning the Council to meet at the buildings of the University of Otago, at Dunedin, on the 31st proximo, at noon.

I regret the delay that will have occurred after the appointment of the Council before their meeting can take place, but the Act unfortunately omits to provide the exact mode of calling together the first meeting of the Council, and as this defect has, no doubt, prevented arrangements being made by the members themselves for such meeting, His Excellency has been advised to summon it himself. When the meeting takes place, and the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor have been elected, the future conduct of business can be arranged by the Council.

Under the 15th section of "The University Act, 1870," an annual sum of three thousand pounds (£3,000) is appropriated for the purposes of a University, and I am advised that the Council have power to appropriate out of this fund a reasonable sum to meet the expenses of their first meeting.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE.

(Sent to all the Members of the Council of the New Zealand University.)

No. 6.

MR. JUSTICE CHAPMAN to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

Dunedin, 28th May, 1871.

On my return from Southland yesterday, I found your telegram relating to the first meeting of the New Zealand University, appointed to the 31st instant, and suggesting an adjournment to give time for the arrival of the northern members.

As we have at present no summoning officer, or organization of any kind, unless some one person takes upon himself to usurp authority to summon, I fear the meeting will lapse, in spite of the communication to each member of the Council of your Circular of the 28th April last.

I therefore propose, to-morrow, to communicate through Mr. Brewer with all the members residing here, reminding them of the day of meeting appointed by His Excellency the Governor, and requesting them to attend *pro formâ* for the purpose of adjourning for a few days, in order to afford time for the arrival of the northern members.

I shall answer your telegram the first thing on Monday morning, and send a similar telegram to Mr. Stafford, who has telegraphed to me on the same subject.

I have, &c.,

H. S. CHAPMAN.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.