No. 33.

The Right Rev. Dr. CROKE to the Hon. W. GISBOENE.

Auckland, 20th May, 1871. DEAR SIR,-

I regret to say that it will not be in my power to attend the first meeting of the Council of the New Zealand University, to be held on the last day of this month.

Indeed, my distance from Dunedin is so great, and my duties here are so numerous, so urgent,

and so increasing, that I fear I shall have to give up all hope of ever taking my place at the Council.

I remain, &c., T. W. CROKE.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 34.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to the Right Rev. Dr. CROKE.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 31st May, 1871. My LORD,-

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's letter of the 20th instant, and to express the regret of the Government at your inability to attend the meeting of the Council of the New Zealand University, to be held at Dunedin to-day.

I hope that your Lordship will be able to attend subsequent meetings which may be held nearer

to Auckland.

The Right Rev. Dr. Croke, R.C. Bishop, Auckland.

I have, &c., W. GISBORNE.