

Clause 18.—This, it is thought, would be better settled by statutes and regulations. The election by Convocation and Senate should be placed on the same footing.

Clause 19.—It is not proposed that special meetings should be held. The other suggestions are left to the judgment of the Attorney-General.

Clause 20.—It appears preferable to retain this provision, the Chancellor being better known and more likely to take an interest in the affairs of the University. As already stated, it is intended that the Chairman of Convocation shall not have any duties to perform except when Convocation is in session.

Clause 21.—This question was carefully considered when the Bill was being drafted, and the conclusion arrived at was, that the question of the appointment of Examiners should be left open in the Act, and that any restrictions should be effected by statutes or regulations. At present, the University could not afford to be too strict.

Clause 22.—The amendment proposed appears to the Conference very objectionable, as it would be the special business of the University to make itself acquainted with the capabilities of the various institutions in the Colony. The Colonial Government cannot be supposed to have a very intimate acquaintance with these matters.

It is thought better to fix the object and effect of affiliation rather by statute and regulation than by the Act itself.

It is not attempted to define affiliation in the Act of 1870.

Clause 23.—Here, again, it is thought better to leave the determination of these questions to the University itself. It is so left in the Act of 1870. Power to grant degrees has been intentionally left as open as possible.

As regards medical degrees, it is not likely that these will be granted after examination for many years; and even if granted, they would not, it is understood, under the present state of the law, give a right to practise in New Zealand. The Colonial Government, it is believed, has powers of control in this matter under other Acts bearing upon this subject.

Clause 25.—The particular course to be pursued, and the particular safeguards required, should, it is thought, be left to the University.

Clause 26.—It is thought in the highest degree objectionable that the Government should interfere with the disposal of the fees beyond requiring an account.

Clause 27.—The Conference agrees to the verbal amendments proposed.

With regard to the provision for a library, the University will require to have the power of expending money in procuring text-books and various other books. The books so acquired need not be called a library, but no better designation for what was intended occurred to the Conference.

Clause 30.—The omission of the word "University" was a clerical error. It should have been "The New Zealand University Act, 1870."

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