

Temporary provision for college Councils at Auckland and Wellington.

With regard to the appointment of Councils for the proposed colleges at Auckland and Wellington, we recommend that until the Professorial Boards of those colleges shall be constituted the number of members be limited to eight, all to be appointed by the Governor in Council; and that these appointments be made simultaneously with the appointment of the members of the Councils of the Otago and Canterbury Colleges.

Professorial Boards; their constitution and functions.

In each college there should be a Professorial Board, consisting of all the professors holding chairs in the college, and of such lecturers as the Council of the college may appoint; provided that the number of lecturers appointed members of the Board shall not be greater than one-third of the number of the professors. Besides the specific powers conferred on the Professorial Boards, the following general powers should devolve upon them:—(1.) To deal with questions relating to the discipline of the students, subject to a right of appeal to the college Council; (2.) subject to the approval of the Council, to fix the course of study and the days and hours of lectures and examinations, and to make all necessary regulations with regard to the attendance of the students; (3.) subject to the approval of the Council, to prescribe the subjects of examination for prizes, scholarships, and other college distinctions or rewards; (4.) subject to the approval of the Council, to make regulations for the management of the college library; (5.) to give through the college Registrar such instructions as may be necessary to the porter or other college servants; (6.) to furnish to the Council such information as the Council may require or the Board deem necessary; and also to offer such suggestions for the consideration of the Council as the Board may think advisable.

Annual reports and audit.

It should be the duty of the Council of every University college to report to the Chancellor before the 31st day of March in every year the proceedings of the previous year ending 31st December, and also to furnish an account of receipts and disbursements during that year; such accounts to be submitted to the Auditor-General.

Re-modelling the University.

In order that the New Zealand University may fulfil the functions proposed to be assigned to it, we are of opinion that it is necessary to remodel the constitution of the Senate, and to pass a new University Act, preserving the continuity of the University, and of the Otago University and the Canterbury College, and saving all their existing rights except such as conflict with the recommendations of this report.

Affiliation to cease.

We are of opinion that the affiliation of educational institutions should cease, and that institutions at present affiliated should cease to be affiliated, when the new Act comes into operation; with the provision, however, that all existing personal rights of graduates and undergraduates be carefully preserved.

Senate, Chancellor, and Vice-Chancellor.

The University should consist as at present of a Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Fellows, and Graduates, and should be governed by one body called the Senate of the University. The Senate should consist of six Fellows to be nominated by the Governor in Council, and three Fellows to be elected by the Council of each University College; one-third of the Fellows appointed by the Governor in Council, and one-third of the Fellows elected by each college Council retiring annually. The order in which the Fellows first nominated or elected shall retire may be determined by lot, and subsequent retirements by seniority, retiring members being eligible for re-election or re-appointment. We think that the members of the Senate should not have the right to vote by proxy. The Senate should elect from its own number a Chancellor and a Vice-Chancellor, to hold office for three years, and be eligible for re-election, with the proviso that neither of these offices shall be held by any person who is not at the same time a member of the Senate.

Convocation unnecessary.

The provision made for the representation of graduates in the Councils of their respective colleges renders it in our view unnecessary to retain the cumbrous machinery of Convocation, and substitutes for it a means of making their influence felt to which we believe the graduates themselves will attach a much higher value.

Minister of Education to be Visitor.

The office of Visitor of the University and the University Colleges, we think, should not be of a merely honorary nature, but should be brought into connection, in some degree, with the general system of education in the colony. Believing