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EDUCATION: THE AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

[In Continuation of E.-8, 1885.]

Presented in pursuance of Section 25 of the "Auckland University College Act, 1882."

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The CHAIRMAN to the HON. the MINISTER of EDUCATION.

University College Council, Auckland, 11th May, 1886. In pursuance of the 25th section of "The Auckland University College Act, 1882," the

In pursuance of the 25th section of "The Auckland University College Act, 1882," the Council of the College has the honour of making the following report :---

1. The Auckland University College being still destitute of a building or site permanently appropriated, the lectures and other instruction continue to be given in premises which are not contiguous to each other, and are defective. By "The Special Powers and Contracts Act, 1885," His Excellency the Governor is empowered to authorise the transfer of the site occupied by the present Survey and Crown Lands Departments at Auckland to the Council of this College as a site for College buildings, when the offices now occupied by those departments shall have been vacated. A commencement has not yet been made of constructing new buildings elsewhere for those departments.

2. In pursuance of "The Auckland University College Act, 1882," section 8, a ballot by lot was taken on the 21st May, 1885, for the purpose of determining what members of the College Council should then retire from being members thereof, and the following were allotted to retire: Of the members elected by the members of the General Assembly resident in the Provincial District of Auckland, Mr. Edwin Hesketh, barrister-at-law; of the members appointed by the Governor in Council, the Rev. Alexander Reid; and of the members appointed by the Governor in Council pending the time when there shall be thirty graduates of the University of New Zealand having their names on the College register, District Judge Hugh Garden Smith, M.A. Subsequently these three gentlemen were severally elected and reappointed to be members of the College Council for the ensuing three years.

3. On the 21st October Sir George Maurice O'Rorke, B.A., the Speaker of the House of Representatives, was again re-elected to be Chairman of the College Council during the ensuing twelve months.

4. The *ex officio* members of the College Council are the Mayor of the City of Auckland and the Chairman of the Auckland Board of Education. Mr. William Richard Waddell was Mayor of Auckland throughout the year 1885, being again re-elected to that office. The Chairmen of the Auckland Board of Education during the year were consecutively the following: Mr. Samuel Luke; Mr. William Steadman Aldis, M.A., Professor of Mathematics in University College; Mr. John Henry Upton; and again Mr. Samuel Luke. 5. At the end of November last Professor Tucker, by permission of the Council, relinquished the Professorship of Classics and English in this College, having been appointed Professor of Com-

5. At the end of November last Professor Tucker, by permission of the Council, relinquished the Professorship of Classics and English in this College, having been appointed Professor of Comparative Philology in the University of Melbourne. In December the Agent-General for New Zealand, Sir Francis Dillon Bell, K.C.M.G., to whom the power of appointment had been delegated by the College Council, appointed to the vacant professorship Hutcheson Macaulay Posnett, M.A., LL.D., of Trinity College, Dublin. For the purpose of making the selection the Agent-General had obtained the co-operation of some of the most eminent members of the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, and Dublin. These gentlemen met Sir Francis Bell at Oxford ; and, after interviews with fourteen selected candidates, the choice of Dr. Posnett was made unanimously. The thanks of this College Council are due to the Government of New Zealand for instructions given to the Agent-General to act in this manner, as similarly on former occasions ; and Sir Francis Dillon Bell has signally earned the gratitude of the College and of this community in general by his earnest and enlightened exertions in giving such effect to those instructions. Cordial and respectful thanks have also b een tendered to the distinguished members of English, Scottish, and Irish Universities by whom, in conjunction with the Agent-General, the selections of our Professors, on the respective occasions, have been made.

6. In the session of 1885 a course of popular lectures on geology and mining was given by Professor Thomas. This course was attended by 71 persons, artisans and others. During the

same session two courses of lectures on "Elementary Science" (miscellaneous) were delivered by Professor Brown to teachers employed by the Auckland Board of Education. The number of teachers who attended these lectures was 62.

7. The total number of persons who attended lectures of this College in the year 1885 was 179. The graduates who attended term lectures were 5, viz., 4 males and 1 female; the undergraduates who attended term lectures were 18, viz., 11 males and 7 females; and the non-matriculated students who attended term lectures were 34, viz., 21 males and 13 females: total of those who attended term lectures, 57, viz., 36 males and 21 females. The persons other than the above who attended the lectures for teachers were 52, viz., 35 males and 17 females; and the persons other than the above who attended the lectures for artisans were 70. The total number of students connected with the College in 1885 was 205, viz., persons who attended lectures, 179; and undergraduates exempted from attending lectures, 26, viz., 20 males and 6 females.

8. In the year 1885 the students of this College who passed at examinations for degrees were 5, viz., M.A., with first-class honours, 1 (Miss C. E. M. Harrison); B.A., 2; and first section of B.A., 2.

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9. The number of graduates of the University of New Zealand whose names are on the College register, and who are therefore entitled to vote in the election of members of the College Council, is at present 19, viz., 17 males and 2 females. Of this number, 8 are ad cundem gradum.

10. No payments other than the fees, which are perquisites of the lecturers and the examiners, are made to the College by the students.

11. By "The Auckland University College Reserves Act, 1885," four blocks of land, containing in the aggregate upwards of 30,000 acres, are vested in the College Council. The greater portion of these lands is of an inferior description. From one of the blocks, at Taupiri, which contains coal, the sum of £605 has been paid to the Government and transferred to the College Council. From the other reserves no revenue has been hitherto derived.

12. The College Council expends £100 per annum in scholarships; and two (science) scholarships, each of £100 per annum, entitled the Sinclair and Gilles Scholarships, have been endowed by Mr. Justice Gillies.

13. An audited statement of the accounts is hereunto annexed.

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G. MAURICE O'RORKE,

Chairman.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE of the AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE for the Year ending 31st December, 1885.

	Receipts.		£	s.	đ.	Expenditure. £ s. d	1.
To Balance		••	14	0	2	By Bank of New Zealand (overdraft) 401 4 1	
Statutory grant		• •	4,000	0	0	Salaries—	
Rent of reserve		••	605	0	0	Professors 2,741 13	4
Interest on deposit,	previous year		120	0	0	Registrar 150 0 (0
Interest on deposit,			100	0	0	Chemical attendant 91 0	0
Fees			0	10	0	Natural-science attendant 91 0	0
Fixed deposit, re-de	posit, 11th May	••	2,000	0	0	Caretaker 26 0	0
,,	1 / 5					Housekeeper 26 0	0
					1	Messenger 13 0	0
						Repairs and fittings	9
						Furniture 67 5	2.
						Stationery 15 10	9
						Printing 62 10	3
						Advertising 17 9	6
						Cleaning, lighting, firing, and water 38 3	4
							6
						Insurance 12 8	1
1						Scholarships	0
						Interest on Bank overdraft 10 9	7
					1	Lecturers' requisites 88 11	7 :
							8
					1	Chemistry, drafts on London 177 2 10	0
						Natural science, drafts on London 128 2	4
						Cash on hand	1
							0
						Bank of New Zealand 387 13	7
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Examined and found to be correct.-L. A. DURRIEU, Auditor.

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