

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS to the MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

SIR,—

Auckland University College, 27th May, 1914.

In pursuance of section 25 of the Auckland University College Act, 1882, the Council has the honour to make the following report for the year 1913:—

1. *Number of Students.*—The number of persons who attended lectures in this College in 1913 was 581: Graduates, 21 (males 13, females 8); undergraduates, 266 (males 210, females 56); non-matriculated students, 294 (males 143, females 151). The number of students who were exempted from attendance was 15 (males 12, females 3).

2. The Council, in accordance with the Auckland University College Amendment Act, 1912, was reconstituted as from the 1st July, 1913, and was made to consist of fourteen members instead of eleven as before. Of the eleven, the following—viz., H. Dean Bamford, Esq., B.A., LL.D., Rev. W. Beatty, M.A., G. L. Peacocke, Esq., Rev. J. H. Simmonds, Hon. J. A. Tole, B.A., LL.B., K.C., and T. U. Wells, Esq., M.A.—were retained in office, as provided by the Act. Of the remainder, Hon. Sir G. Maurice O'Rorke, M.A., LL.D., M.L.C., was reappointed by the Governor in Council; T. W. Leys, Esq., was re-elected by the members of the General Assembly of the Province of Auckland; W. C. W. McDowell, Esq., B.A., M.D., was re-elected by the graduates; and the two former *ex officio* members—viz., C. J. Parr, Esq., Mayor of Auckland, and G. J. Garland, Esq., Chairman of the Auckland Education Board—were each appointed by their several electorates. Three new members were added—viz., Professor H. W. Segar, M.A., and Professor C. W. Egerton, M.A., appointed by the Professorial Board of the College, and H. J. D. Mahon, Esq., B.A., additional graduates' member, elected by the graduates.

3. *Staff.*—Considerable changes have been made in the staff. At the resignation of Professors Brown and A. P. W. Thomas, who combined the professorships of Chemistry and Physics, and Biology and Geology, respectively, the Council decided to separate each Chair, and to appoint three Professors—of Chemistry, Physics, and Biology respectively—and a Lecturer in Geology. Applications were invited in Great Britain, Australia, and New Zealand, and the following appointments were made: Professor of Chemistry—Professor F. P. Worley, M.A., M.Sc., D.Sc. (London), F.I.C., F.C.S.; Professor of Physics—Professor G. Owen, M.A. (Cambridge), M.Sc. (Manchester), D.Sc. (Liverpool); Professor of Botany, General Biology, and Zoology—Professor J. C. Johnson, M.A., M.Sc., B.Ch., B.A.O. (National University of Ireland); Lecturer on Geology—Mr. J. A. Bartrum, M.Sc., A.O.S.M. (Geology). In the subject of law two Assistant Lecturers—viz., B. H. Wyman, Esq., LL.B., and R. M. Algie, Esq., LL.B., barristers-at-law—were appointed. The educational staff now comprises eight professors, eight lecturers, one demonstrator, one professor's assistant, and three lecture and laboratory assistants.

4. *Receipts and Expenditure.*—General Account: Receipts, including balance of £3,106 15s. 6d. from 1912, £13,545 6s. 10d.; expenditure, £9,018 4s. 5d.; balance, £4,527 2s. 5d. Specialization Account: Receipts, £2,988 11s. 9d.; expenditure, including debit balance of £474 11s. 5d. from 1912, £3,064 11s. 8d.; debit balance (overdraft at bank), £75 19s. 11d. Sinclair-Gillies Trust Account: Receipts, including balance of £3,823 3s. 7d. from 1912, £3,960 13s. 7d.; expenditure, £79 7s. 9d.; balance, £3,881 5s. 10d. Sinclair Bequest: Receipts, including balance of £27 10s. 1d. from 1912, £28 17s.; expenditure, nil; balance, £28 17s. Endowments: The income from the endowments was £480 5s. 9d., and the expenditure was £26 5s. 9d., leaving a net revenue of £454.

5. *Additions.*—A new chemistry laboratory has been erected, replacing the old laboratory, which had become dilapidated and unsafe, at a cost of £520 12s. 2d., towards which Government contributed £500.

6. *Degrees and Honours.*—The degrees and honours gained at last November examinations were as follows: Honours in Arts, 6; Honours in Science, 2; Honours in Law, 1; Masters of Arts, 6; Masters of Science, 3; Masters of Laws, 2; Bachelors of Arts (final section), 18; Bachelors of Science (final section), 3; Bachelors of Laws (final section), 7; Bachelors of Arts (first section), 18; Bachelors of Science (first section), 3; Bachelors of Laws (sections), 24; Rhodes Scholarship, 1; Senior Scholarships, 4; Cook Memorial Prize, 1. The honours' list comprised—first class in mathematics and mathematical physics, 1; first class in natural science (botany), 1; second class in physical science (heat, sound, and light), 1; third class in languages and literature, 4—viz., Latin and English, 2; Latin and French, 1; English and French, 1; third class in economics, history, and constitutional history, 1; third class in jurisprudence, contracts and torts, and negligence, 1.

7. The various Schools of Music, Commerce, and Mining Engineering were attended during the year by the following numbers of students, viz.: School of Music, 184; School of Commerce, 100; School of Mines, 35.

8. It is painful for the writer to report annually the inadequacy of the accommodation in the present buildings for professors, lecturers, and students. The buildings were never intended for university purposes, and are now some seventy years old. It is hoped that the present Minister of Education, who is a graduate of Cambridge, and therefore acquainted with what is done in England for university students, and was for some years Chancellor of the University of Otago, will initiate some scheme for the benefit of this College. He is aware that there are some 4 acres at the back of Government House, now only used for grazing a few cows and horses, that would afford a fine site in Princes Street for a handsome building not only for university purposes, but also as a great ornament to the city. If the University College has to be drawn out of the city, the most suitable site would be Mount Hobson, which would afford 15 acres of level land and 5 acres of greater elevation for the needful buildings, and could be obtained from the trustees of the Dilworth Institute at a reasonable cost.

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