

B. REPORT OF THE AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, 1915.

Visitor.—The Hon. the Minister of Education.

Members of Council.

Appointed by His Excellency the Governor in Council—Hon. Sir G. M. O'Rorke, M.A., LL.D., M.L.C.; Rev. J. H. Simmonds; G. L. Peacocke, Esq.
 Appointed by the Professorial Board—Professor H. W. Segar, M.A.; Professor C. W. Egerton, M.A.
 Elected by members of the Legislature—Hon. J. A. Tole, B.A., LL.B., K.C.; J. F. Hosking, Esq.; T. W. Leys, Esq.
 Elected by graduates—H. D. Bamford, Esq., B.A., LL.D.; W. C. W. McDowell, Esq., B.A., M.D., C.M.; T. U. Wells, Esq., M.A.; H. J. D. Mahon, Esq., B.A.
 Appointed by the Auckland City Council—J. H. Gunson, Esq., Mayor.
 Appointed by the Auckland Education Board—G. J. Garland, Esq., Chairman of the Education Board.

Staff.

Professors.—Classics—H. S. Dettmann, M.A., B.O.L. English—C. W. Egerton, M.A. Modern Languages—M. Walker, M.A., B.Com. Mathematics—H. W. Segar, M.A. Chemistry—F. P. Worley, M.A., D.Sc., F.I.C., F.C.S. Physics—G. Owen, M.A., D.Sc. Botany, General Biology, and Zoology—J. C. Johnson, M.A., M.Sc., B.Ch. Music—W. E. Thomas, Mus. Doc.
 Lecturers, nine. Demonstrator, one. Assistants, three. Assistant lecturers, four.

Registrar.—Rev. Chas. M. Nelson, M.A.

REPORT.

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

SIR,—

Auckland University College, 13th May, 1916.

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 1915:—

1. *Number of Students.*—The number of persons who attended lectures in this College in 1915 was 539: Graduates, 18 (males 11, females 7); undergraduates, 230 (males 173, females 57); non-matriculated students, 269 (males 137, females 132). The number of students who were exempted from attendance was 22 (males 22).

2. *Council.*—The only change in the personnel of the Council was the election by the Auckland City Council of J. H. Gunson, Esq., in the place of C. J. Parr, Esq., C.M.G., M.P., the former member. The other retiring members were returned unopposed.

3. *Staff.*—The only change was the appointment of Mr. J. V. Wilson, M.A. (since enlisted on active service), as Assistant Lecturer in Classics.

4. *Receipts and Expenditure.*—General Account: Receipts, including balance of £6,451 13s. 5d. from 1914, £22,813 14s. 1d.; expenditure, £13,196 4s. 11d.; balance, £9,617 9s. 2d. Sinclair-Gillies Trust Account: Receipts, including balance of £3,919 16s. 10d. from 1914, £4,139 4s. 7d.; expenditure, £146 10s.; balance, £3,992 14s. 7d. Sinclair Bequest: Receipts, including balance of £30 1s. 8d. from 1914, £31 6s. 6d.; expenditure, nil; balance, £31 6s. 6d. Endowments: The income from the endowments was £1,251 5s. 10d.; there was no expenditure.

5. *Degrees and Honours.*—The degrees gained at last November Examinations were as follows: Honours in Arts, 7; Master of Arts, 7; Master of Laws, 2; Bachelor of Arts (final section), 8; Bachelor of Arts (first section), 17; Bachelor of Laws (final section), 2; Bachelor of Laws (first section), 19; Bachelor of Science (final section), 1; Bachelor of Commerce (first section), 4; Bachelor of Music (final section), 1; Senior Scholarship, 1; John Tinline Scholarship, 1. The honours' list comprises: First class (English), 1; first class (botany), 1; first class (history), 1; second class, 4.

6. The various Schools of Music, Commerce, and Mining Engineering were attended during the year by the following number of students, viz.: School of Music, 186; School of Commerce, 80; School of Mines, 50.

7. In the report of last year (1914) occurs the following statement: "The desire for providing better accommodation for University students is almost universal. Nothing has yet been done to remove the difficulty under which the College Council, professors, and students are labouring. The building now used was not built for the purpose of teaching, but was built sixty years ago for the meeting of the General Assembly, which met in it from 1854 to 1864. It was for the ensuing ten years the Provincial Council Chamber. It is to be hoped that the new House of Representatives, which meets this year, will deal promptly with providing a new University site in the old city for the convenience of the sons and daughters of the citizens of Auckland." Unhappily, nothing has been settled during 1915 as to the site, and no site has as yet been offered to the Council. The position is now very serious, as the new street to provide an eastern outlet from Auckland is within measurable distance of the College buildings, which it will go through. The buildings have been taken by the City Council under the Public Works Act. It behoves the Government to act in the interests of higher education in Auckland without delay.

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G. MAURICE O'RORKE, Kt., Chairman.