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#### REPORT (EXTRACTS).

IN accordance with the provision of the Canterbury University College Act, the annual election of members took place in June, when Colonel G. J. Smith, Messrs. A. E. Flower, J. H. E. Schroder, C. T. Aschman, and W. P. Spencer were re-elected by their respective constituencies.

Revenue from endowments during the past year kept fairly well up to the average of the past few years, but there is still too big a stream of reduction readjustments, which will give no opportunity at all for development work of the College. In particular, the greatly reduced rentals for some of the high-country runs and the possibility of further difficulty with these will cause very great concern to the Council in the immediate future.

No further grants by the Department have been made towards buildings, so that our proposed new Library, new Geography School, and new School of Art are still so far on paper. In each case the accommodation is very far from adequate, and the numbers in each are steadily increasing.

The geography department is now housed under great difficulties in the engineering lecture-room and an adjacent room and in the lecture hall at the Public Library. A full-time Lecturer, Mr. K. Cumberland, was appointed to help Dr. Jobberns with this department.

The Library is fully used and is very congested, and hence difficult to make the best use of. The Macmillan Brown department is not easily accessible in its separate position, while most departmental libraries still have to be housed in various parts of the College.

During the year a Government grant enabled much-needed adjustments by way of increases to be made in salaries, as well as considerable extra assistance. The staff of Professors now amounts to fifteen, of Lecturers to fifty, and of assistants to thirteen, a total of seventy-eight. The Departments under the new appointees of last year are making solid progress.

The College is again indebted to the Chamber of Commerce for a grant of £100, which is of much assistance to the economics department, and the late Mrs. Annie Overton made a bequest of £100 to the College Library in memory of her late husband, Charles Overton, and of her late step-son, Guy Stanley Overton.

During the year the University Senate approved of the establishment of a Chair of Music and of the appointment of Dr. Bradshaw as Professor of Music in the University of New Zealand.

In the Public Library the Council is again indebted to the City Council for grants of £250 to the reference department and £150 to the children's department. I would here like to stress the especial value that the free reading-room, the reference library, and the children's library are to the general public. Moreover, the services of Librarian and staff reach far beyond the confines of Christchurch in many directions. The school-library scheme which was instituted during the year is running satisfactorily in conjunction with the Public Library.