

Baume, LL.B. is the first President of the Association. He has ably defended the interests of graduates on all occasions. He enjoys their fullest confidence, and was elected by them unopposed to a seat upon the College Council during the present year. As President of the Students' Association, and of the graduate body, he as a Governor will not let their interests be neglected. The Vice president, Mr George Lippiatt, M.A., deserves the credit of being the first to bring in a practical scheme for the formation of the Graduates' Association. He was the first President of the Students' Association, and on all occasions has done his utmost on behalf of both students and graduates. Mr John Boyle, M.A., the secretary, like the other officers is a graduate of the College, and has worked hard for the success of his association. As a student and as a graduate he joined with enthusiasm in anything likely to advance the well-being of the College.

The officers are elected annually, and before the present officers retire there is every prospect of the graduates of the College being more in touch with College matters, of their taking more interest and fuller advantage of their powers and privileges, and of their giving their heartiest co-operation in the good and useful work of the University College Graduates' Association.

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

This Association was formed in June, 1891, and is by far the most important of the College institutions. Its rules set out that the objects of the Association are 'to represent and act for the students in all matters affecting their welfare, to promote social intercourse among the members, and their mutual assistance and improvement.' In the attainment of these objects the Association has been eminently successful. Many little matters tending to improve the conditions of student life have been compassed through its agency. By its efforts, too, was obtained the use of rooms in the College for M. de Montalk to deliver French lectures in—a not unimportant point when it is considered that the Council has now appointed that gentleman as lecturer in French. Then, too, acting on the representation of the Association, the supervisor of the degree pass examinations obtained far more commodious and convenient rooms for holding the said examinations in. Several times the alteration of lecture hours to more convenient times for students has been effected by the representations of the Association to the Professorial Board.

The Association has conducted many social gatherings to

Grammar School. Mr Lippiatt held office from June, 1891, to the end of the year 1892, when he was succeeded by Mr E. K. Mulgan, who at the beginning of this year was in turn succeeded by Mr F. E. Baume, LL.B. There was a great deal of work done by the Association in Mr Mulgan's year of office,



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MR F. E. BAUME, Member of Council; President Graduates' Association; President Students' Association.

and consequently there was a considerable call made upon Mr Mulgan's time. To this call, however, Mr Mulgan most generously responded. This year (1894) will be memorable for many years to come in Association annals owing to the fact that it was the year in which the unfortunate dispute between the College Council and Professor Aldis took place.

Association, and he held office till the end of 1892, when he was succeeded by the present secretary, Mr P. F. Battley. As will be seen by the photograph of the Executive above, there are lady members of the Association. It matters not whether the student be male or female, if matriculated, he or she may, on payment of a nominal fee, join the Association. In this point the Association differs from the parent Association—the Otago University Students' Association—in which the ladies have all along had to be represented by male students elected by them. This matter has this year been remedied, and in future lady students of the Otago University may join the Association. Miss Morrison, M.A., now a vice-president of the Association, has been a member of the Executive ever since the inception of the Association, as has also been Mr T. U. Wells, B.A.

For some years there was a very prosperous Football Club in connection with the College, but when the Auckland Rugby Union instituted the district scheme the 'Varsity Club had to go, with the other clubs of the old regime into oblivion. Till this year 'Varsity football was a thing of the past in Auckland, but under the auspices of the Association the Club has been revived, and has during the past season played matches with the country clubs. Efforts are being made to induce the Auckland Rugby Union to constitute the 'Varsity a district, and so entitle 'Varsity footballers to play as a team.

The Dramatic Club is the youngest of the College institutions, being just about two months old. The club is busy rehearsing 'The Rivals' (R. B. Sheridan) at present, and purposes making its first public appearance about December next.

Many persons were doubtless surprised not to find the photo of Mr Baume amongst his colleagues of the Council last week. But this gentleman occupies so many positions that were not mentioned last week, and that are this, that we held the photo over. Mr F. E. Baume, LL.B., is a gentleman whose name is rapidly becoming as well known in Auckland generally as it is in the University College, and that is saying a good deal. He is an old Dunedin High School boy, who in 1883 returned to Dunedin and studied law, and while there passed the first section of the LL.B. degree at the Otago University, gaining special class distinction in his year for Mental Science and Political Economy. In 1887 he came to Auckland and started to practise his profession, and at the same time entered the Auckland University College, where he soon passed the final sections of his degree, to graduate LL.B.

From the time Mr Baume first entered the college, he has been more or less intimately connected with student life there, and to-day occupies the high position of being Graduates' Member on the College Council, and President of both the Graduates' and the Students' Associations.

By some strange oversight we had almost forgotten to mention one of the College institutions—M. de Montalk, who is lecturer on the French and German language and literature. He is so old an identity, and is so well-known, not only in Auckland, Christchurch, and Dunedin, but, in fact, all over New Zealand, that he scarcely needs to be further described. He is extremely popular, and most deservedly so. M. de Montalk is a gentleman whom everyone respects, and a great number have a genuine affection for.

And now there remains little to add to this brief and necessarily very imperfect sketch of Auckland University and some of its institutions. If we have indulged in some rather cheap sarcasm at the plainness and humbleness of the buildings and appointments, it has been with no ill-natured intent. This is not a time to ask for or to expect grants of money for any save purely utilitarian purposes. Some day when the Ministers or the Opposition have made this colony the rich and prosperous place it should be, Auckland may demand and receive a Government grant sufficient to erect a University College worthy of the North Island, worthy of the beautiful

city, and inspiring to the young men and young women whom it will send out into the world. For there can be no possible doubt that noble architecture will and does produce noble aspirations, and noble aspirations, even if they do not always produce noble lives, at least tend that way. But whatever be the future of the buildings of Auckland University there is one thing that is far more important, the teaching, and this is about as strong and about as near perfect as can be obtained anywhere in

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE.



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BACK ROW.—T. U. Wells, B.A. G. B. Wither. P. B. Battley (hon. sec). J. Drummond, B.A. W. R. C. Walker. C. J. Major, M.A., B.Sc. E. K. Mulgan (vice-president). FRONT ROW.—Miss A. C. Morrison, M.A. (vice-president). F. E. Baume, LL.B (president). Miss W. Pickon, B.A.

celebrate College functions, and to welcome to the College the various new professors who have come at different times. All the other college student institutions are under the control of the Association, being in most cases managed by sub-committees appointed by the Association. The chief of these are the Football Club, the Dramatic Club, and the Debating Society.

The first President of the Association was Mr Geo. Lippiatt, M.A., now science master at the Auckland College and

At the beginning of the matter the students warmly championed the professor's cause, and got up a largely signed petition to the Council praying that body to retain the professor's services. Though some members of the Council thought it was presumptuous on the part of the students to interfere in the matter at all, still the petition was received and acknowledged by that body, and thereby an official recognition of the status of the Association was obtained. Mr E. H. Barber was the first secretary of the