

the Museum, which the Council of that institution considerably placed "during certain hours of the week at the disposal of

more cheerful than, and its science laboratories immeasurably superior to, those of the Southern institutions.



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the Professor of Classics and English," and thence to one lecture room in Eden Street—the nucleus of the present building—which was shared by the Professors of Chemistry, of Natural Science, and of Mathematics. "By permission of the Government, and with the sanction of the Naval authorities," the Mathematical and Languages departments subsequently migrated to Admiralty House, in which one lecture room was secured.

It was not till 1890, when the premises of the Land and Survey Department were removed, and the section of land in Eden and Parliament Streets, on which the present buildings are situated, was transferred to the College Council, that the Auckland University College found a refuge from its wanderings in a settled abode. Though the exterior of the building is so unprepossessing, yet an unbiassed observer, who has visited Otago University and Canterbury College, will readily admit that its lecture and common rooms are better furnished and

In 1899 Sir G. M. O'Rorke prevailed upon the Government to make a grant of £1,000 to enable the Council to enlarge the building so as to meet the requirements of the ever-increasing number of students. A new wing was added, and the present buildings are likely to satisfy the needs of the College for some time to come.

The establishment of the Auckland University College was subsequent to those of Otago and Canterbury. The Scotchman, imbued as he is with a love of learning and the capacity to make a good bargain, showed commendable foresight in securing for his province valuable educational endowments, as did the cultured University and public school men who were the ruling spirits of the Canterbury Pilgrims. But there was not the same organised interest taken in the future of the district by the more heterogeneous class that first settled in Auckland; hence the province is to-day practically devoid of educational endowments