REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER AND REPORT UPON PROCEEDINGS TAKEN UNDER "THE NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY ACT, 1870."

Your Committee have to report that, in conference with the Committee of the Legislative Council, they have carefully considered the questions remitted to them, and are of opinion—

- 1. That the amalgamation of the University of New Zealand and the University of Otago is of great importance to the interests of higher education.
- 2. That in order to effect this amalgamation, and with a view to rendering the Act more complete, they recommend the alterations which are annexed.
- 3. They also recommend that a clause should be introduced providing, in case of the dissolution of the University of Otago, by amalgamation with the New Zealand University; that provision should be made for the former University to be constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the "University College of Otago," having the usual powers, entire administration of its own affairs, and sole control of its own property; and, further, that the "no religious test" clause of the Otago Provincial Ordinance should be inserted therein.
- 4. They also propose that effect be given to these recommendations by Legislative enactment.

G. Maurice O'Rorke, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY.

THAT the following alterations and additions be made to "The University Act, 1870":—

Clause 8.

To add the words-

"That Trustees be appointed by the University Council for all real and personal property, anything in "The University Endowment Act, 1868," notwithstanding. The said Trustees to manage the property independently of the Governor and the Executive Council.

Clause 9.

To add after the word "letter" in line 3 the words "or by telegram."

Clause 11.

To add after the word "any" in line 2 the word "incorporated."

To strike out the words "or educational establishment" in lines 2 and 3, and "or establishment" in line 4.

To add the word "any" after "in" in line 6.

To strike out the words "and educational establishment" in line 6.

To add "or the endowments or property of the same."

And further to add the following words:—" Provided that it shall be lawful for the said University from time to time to add, alter, vary, and amend, by striking out, the lists of such affiliated Colleges."

Clause 12.

To strike out of the first and second lines the following words: "when approved and

sanctioned by the Governor in Council;" and

To add the following proviso: "Provided that it shall be lawful for the Governor, at any time within three months after any such Statutes or Regulations shall have been received by him, to declare by Proclamation his disallowance of such Statutes or Regulations, and such disallowance shall make void and annul the same from and after the date of such Proclamation, or any subsequent day to be named therein." (New Zealand Constitution Act, clause 29.)

Clause 15.

To strike out of line 6 the words "in the affiliated Colleges."

To add after the word "University" in line 9 the words "or in any College affiliated hereto."

To strike out the words "the same" and to insert the words "the said University" in lieu thereof.