

1879.
NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION.

REPORT OF THE OTAGO UNIVERSITY FOR THE YEAR 1878.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

The CHANCELLOR to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

SIR,—

University of Otago, 17th July, 1879.

In compliance with "The Otago University Ordinance, 1869," I have the honor to transmit to your Excellency the following report of the proceedings of the University for the year ending 31st March, 1879:—

The session opened as usual on the 1st of May, with the same number of students as last session, though with a somewhat larger attendance on the several classes, which will be seen by the following statement:—

	1877	1878
Number of students	76	76
Matriculated—		
By examination	9	8
„ gaining scholarships	0	2

Numbers attending the several Classes.

English Language and Literature	11	10
Latin	18	26
Greek	0	5
Mathematics and Natural Philosophy	36	30
Mental and Moral Science	13	23
Chemistry	11	13
Mineralogy	3	0
Anatomy	0	5
Geology	4	0
Botany	1	0
Zoology	0	5
Law	10	4
French	0	0
German	7	6
Total	114	127

At the last examination for the B.A. degree two of our undergraduates—Montgomery and Barclay—obtained that degree. For the first section of the examination Hendry and McLean were successful, the former obtaining a senior scholarship in Latin and Mathematics, and the latter passing with great credit.

The staff of the Medical School has been increased by the election of Mr. William Brown, M.A., M.B., as Lecturer on Systematic Surgery. The appointment is made subject to Mr. Brown securing the recognition of his lectures by the University Court of the University of Edinburgh.

Advices have been received from the Agent-General that the appliances and teaching material for the School of Mines have been shipped, and, as they may shortly be expected to arrive, the Professor of Mineralogy and Metallurgy will be fully prepared to commence his lectures on the opening of the session.

The Museum, under the curatorship of the Professor of Natural Science, is rendering good service to the University, and is appreciated by the community.

The Council has much pleasure in bringing under the notice of your Excellency the gratifying fact that large numbers of the teachers in the public schools avail themselves of special courses of lectures on chemistry and natural science delivered by professors of the University.

The French lectureship has been filled by the election of Mr. Dallas, a gentleman of great experience as a French teacher, and recently attached to several scholastic institutions in Melbourne.

In my last report I had the honor to mention that a second chair was likely to be established by the Synod of the Otago Presbyterian Church. I regret to say, however, that this has not yet been accomplished, owing to the Synod desiring to prescribe subjects for the proposed new chair which the Council considered amply provided for.

The University buildings, commenced some eighteen months ago, and which are now about completed, will for some time afford ample accommodation for the arts course, and for the Schools of Medicine and Mines. In addition to the University buildings, houses have been erected for four professors. The cost of these buildings having considerably exceeded the estimate of the architect, the Council has been under the necessity of obtaining borrowing powers.

The Council, after much consideration, resolved to renew its application for a royal charter. I am desired to say the Council feels grateful to your Excellency for having forwarded it.

An abstract of the accounts, showing the income and expenditure of the University for the year ending 31st March, 1879, is appended to the report.

To His Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson, Governor
and Commander-in-Chief of New Zealand.

I have, &c.,
H. S. CHAPMAN,
Chancellor.

ABSTRACT of ACCOUNTS of the UNIVERSITY of OTAGO, for the Year ending 31st March, 1879.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance in Bank of New Zealand, 31st March, 1878	...	...	...	491	11	8
Balance in Colonial Bank	...	...	...	18,505	12	11
					18,997	4 7
I. Endowments—	£	s.	d.			
Rent of Runs—Benmore	...	...	...	955	14	1
Burwood and Mararoa	...	...	...	1,300	0	0
Barewood	...	...	...	500	0	0
Forest Hill	...	...	...	343	15	0
				3,099	9	1
Church Trustees	...	...	...	612	10	0
					3,711	19 1
II. Fees—						
Matriculation	...	...	...	8	8	0
College	...	...	...	77	14	0
Class	...	...	...	416	17	0
				502	19	0
Analysis	...	...	...	40	17	0
					543	16 0
III. Investment repaid	...	...	...		600	0 0
IV. Government for chemicals	...	...	...		50	0 0
V. Incidental	...	...	...		3	0 0
VI. Museum endowment	...	...	...		300	0 0
VII. Interest, University Building Sale Account	...	...	...		839	11 2
Balance due Bank of New Zealand current account	...	...	...		969	4 11
					£26,014	15 9

EXPENDITURE.

I. Salaries and allowances—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Professors—Classics	612	10	0			
Mathematics and Natural Philosophy	612	10	0			
Mental Science	612	10	0			
Chemistry	600	0	0			
Natural Science	600	0	0			
Anatomy	600	0	0			
Mining	575	0	0			
Law Lecturer	50	0	0			
					4,262	10 0			
Officers—Registrar	204	3	4			
Janitor	50	0	0			
Porter (dissecting-room)	63	4	0			
					317	7 4			
Fees—									
University of New Zealand (matriculation)	8	8	0			
Professors and lecturers	400	1	0			
					408	9 0			
Local analyst		27	4 8			
						5,015	11 0		
Carried forward				5,015	11 0	

						£	s.	d.
	Brought forward	...	...	...	...	5,015	11	0
II.	Furniture and fittings	...	...	...	...	164	1	10
III.	Apparatus and chemicals	...	...	...	...	8	1	9
IV.	Professor's passage and outfit	...	...	...	...	60	0	0
V.	Endowments—Cost of management	...	...	...	...	132	3	6
VI.	Incidental expenses—					£	s.	d.
	Insurance, £18 18s. ; city rates, £50...	...	...	...	...	68	18	0
	Gas, water, and fuel	...	...	...	...	95	0	0
	Printing, advertising, and stationery	...	...	...	...	73	13	8
	Law charges, £60 2s. 6d. ; sundries, £23 12s. 1d.	...	...	...	...	83	14	7
								321 6 3
VII.	School of Mines—Appliances	...	...	...	...	406	8	6
VIII.	Museum maintenance	...	...	...	...	560	18	10
IX.	New University buildings	...	...	...	...	19,022	8	11
X.	Interest current account	...	...	...	...	1	0	0
	Balance in Colonial Bank	...	...	...	...	322	15	2
								£26,014 15 9

I have examined the above abstract, and compared it with the Registrar's books, the Bank pass-books, vouchers, and other documents ; and I declare it to be correct.

H. LIVINGSTON,
Auditor.

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