

neglect to specify his subject, the Chancellor's action was formally correct." This implies that I state, as my reason for not admitting Barclay to the examination for honours, Barclay's omission to specify his subject. So far from this being the reason, it is most probable that, if Barclay had expressed an intention to come up for honours without mentioning his subject, I should have immediately pointed out the omission, so as to get his answer in time for making the necessary arrangements.

Thus it will be seen that Professor Macgregor's evidence was altogether incorrect, not in *form* only, but in *substance*. I think there can be no doubt that not only did Barclay not say anything to lead one to suppose that he intended to go up for honours during the then current year, but that he himself had no such intention. This view is confirmed by his letter of 5th June, in which he more explicitly states what his original intention was.

I have already explained why Barclay's letter of 15th May has nothing to do with the question at issue. It was received too late to act upon it, not only because such action would, as I believe, have been then in contravention of the Regulations, but because it was then physically impossible to get the necessary papers prepared.

With regard to the question affecting David White, I need only point out now that no notice was taken by Professor Macgregor of the two letters from the Registrar to Mr. White, dated respectively 16th May and 13th August, 1878. These two letters must have been in Mr. White's possession at the time when Professor Macgregor gave his evidence.

Upon the whole, it appears to me that Professor Macgregor was not sufficiently careful, when giving his evidence under the solemn obligation of an oath, to insure that scrupulous accuracy as to matters of fact which was desirable. I should have been most happy, had he applied to me, to have furnished him with any information which would have enabled him to attain that accuracy.

I have, &c.,

The Rev. W. J. Habens, B.A.,
Secretary to the Royal Commission on Higher Education.

HENRY JOHN TANCRED,
Chancellor.

Enclosures in No. 5.

1. *Mr. Barclay to the Registrar.*

SIR,—

Dunedin, 4th April, 1879.

I duly received yours of the 31st instant, informing me that I had passed the B.A. degree examination. I now beg to give you notice that I intend to present myself, in November next, for the LL.B. degree examinations, taking the 3rd and 4th sections, together with constitutional history and jurisprudence, as I believe it is now ordained by the Senate. Could you kindly furnish me with a list of the text-books prescribed for the LL.B. degree?

After taking my LL.B. degree, I intend to proceed to honours, but I have not settled yet in what subject. I presume such a course is open to me? In other words, I suppose that a Bachelor of Arts may go on for honours when he pleases, and in what subject he pleases, provided, of course, that he give six months' notice to the Chancellor? A reply to these inquiries would oblige me greatly.

I have, &c.,

W. Maskell, Esq., Christchurch.

A. R. BARCLAY.

2. *The Registrar to Mr. Barclay.*

SIR,—

University of New Zealand, Christchurch, 25th April, 1879.

I am directed by the Chancellor to state that, in his opinion, the wording of the Regulation regarding honours will not permit of the postponement of the honours' examination of any graduate beyond the year after taking his degree.

I note your intention to proceed to a degree in law, but must point out that the Regulations lately passed prescribe only three examinations for that purpose. You will therefore, I suppose, take the 2nd and 3rd, not the 3rd and 4th, as stated in your letter of the 4th instant.

I forward to you herewith a copy of the Regulations and announcements, where you will find the text-books prescribed for the examinations in law.

I have, &c.,

A. R. Barclay, Esq.

W. M. MASKELL,
Registrar.

3. *Mr. Barclay to the Registrar.*

SIR,—

Dunedin, 15th May, 1879.

I regret to have to trouble you with the announcement of a change in my University course during the coming year. Some time ago I informed you of my intention to proceed to the LL.B. degree, and I proposed to present myself for examination in November next. Since then, however, unforeseen circumstances have compelled me entirely to alter my plans, and I now beg to give you notice that it is my intention to proceed to honours, and the M.A. degree in mental science, history of philosophy, &c., presenting myself for examination in November next, as before announced. I am sorry thus to give you the trouble of looking up and amending my former intimation, but unfortunately I had no other course left open to me.

I have, &c.,

The Registrar, University of New Zealand.

A. R. BARCLAY.

4. *The Registrar to Mr. Barclay.*

SIR,—

University of New Zealand, Christchurch, 30th May, 1879.

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant, intimating your desire to come up for honours instead of the LL.B. degree, I am directed by the Chancellor to state that you are not in a position to do so, as you did not, in the terms of the Regulation, declare your intention at the time of passing the B.A. examination.

I have, &c.,

A. R. Barclay, Esq.

W. M. MASKELL,
Registrar.