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NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION.
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OTAGO UNIVERSITY.

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

The CHANCELLOR to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

SIR,—

University of Otago, 30th April, 1880.

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, 1880:—

The session opened as usual on the 1st of May. As will be observed from the subjoined statement, the attendance on the classes was considerably in excess of that of the preceding year.

	1878.	1879.
Number of students	76	111
Of whom matriculated in each year	10	15

Numbers attending the several Classes.

English Language and Literature	10	8
Latin	26	27
Greek	5	7
Mathematics and Natural Philosophy	30	51
Mental and Moral Science	23	22
Political Economy	0	6
Chemistry	13	22
Mineralogy	0	3
Geology	0	9
Zoology	5	10
Anatomy	5	5
Surgery	0	2
French	0	9
German	6	1
Law	4	6
Total	127	188

The Council regrets that, from unforeseen circumstances connected with the transmission of the examination papers of the New Zealand University to the examiners in London, it is unable to report the number of students who have been successful in the examination for the B.A. degree.

On the Chancellorship having become vacant by expiration of tenure, and on the Hon. Mr. Chapman, who held that office for several years with much advantage to the University, having signified his inability to perform its duties, owing to the state of his health, the Council appointed the Vice-Chancellor, the Rev. D. M. Stuart, D.D., to be Chancellor, and at the same time His Honor Mr. Justice Williams, Vice-Chancellor.

At the close of last year Professor Hutton, having accepted a professorship in the Canterbury College, tendered his resignation of the Chair of Natural Science and the curatorship of the Museum. The Council received the resignation, and took immediate steps to secure the services of a gentleman to fill the vacant chair and curatorship, and for this purpose appointed Sir Wyville Thomson, Professor Huxley, and Dr. Carpenter its commissioners for the selection of a competent person.

The Council has pleasure in reporting that it has been officially informed that the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Otago and Southland, at its meeting in January last, established a Chair of English Language and Literature, Political Economy, and Constitutional History, and appointed as its commissioners Professors Masson and Hodgson, of Edinburgh University; Professor Morley, of University College, London; Dr. Abbott, Headmaster of the City of London School; and Sheriff

Campbell, of Edinburgh, to select a competent professor. The Synod has made the liberal grant of £200 for the purchase of books bearing on the subjects of the chair.

The Council has much gratification in reporting that the endowment vested in the University for the maintenance and management of the Otago Museum and for the endowment of the Dunedin Athenæum has been leased on satisfactory terms, realizing a rental of £916 13s. 4d. Of this amount the sum of £91 13s. 4d. will, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, be applied to the Dunedin Athenæum and Mechanics' Institute.

The Council reports that during last session 180 of the teachers in the elementary schools attended short courses of lectures by professors of the University on chemistry, physiology, and botany. Of these, 130, after examination, obtained permanent certificates under the Education Act.

The Council reports that the School of Mines is now in operation, and has been adequately supplied with the necessary appliances and teaching material. The Council is confident that it will fairly answer the purpose of its establishment.

The scholarship, of the value of £40 per annum, founded by the late Sir John Richardson, the second Chancellor of the University, is this year open for competition to candidates who have attended district schools for two years and the Dunedin High School for not less than one year.

An abstract of the accounts, showing the income and expenditure of the University for the year ending 31st March, 1880, is appended to the report.

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

I have, &c.,
D. M. STUART,
Chancellor.

ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st March, 1880.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	322	15	2
Endowments—									
Rent of Runs—Benmore	955	14	1						
Burwood and Mararoa	1,300	0	0						
Barewood	500	0	0						
Forest Hill (half a year only)	171	17	6						
House, Castle Street	42	0	0						
				2,969	11	7			
Church Trustees ... ..	...	...	...	550	0	0			
							3,519	11	7
Fees—									
Matriculation	18	18	0						
College	106	1	0						
Class	584	17	0						
				709	16	0			
Analysis ... ..	...	...	...	5	5	0			
							715	1	0
Museum endowment ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	916	13	4
Government subsidy—									
School of Mines ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	500	0	0
Laboratory ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
Incidental ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	0	0
Receipts from Kaitangata loan ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,000	0	0
Overdraft 31st March, 1880 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,701	11	10
							£14,728	12	11

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year—overdraft... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	969	4	11
Salaries and allowances—									
Professors—Classics	600	0	0						
" House allowance	100	0	0						
Mathematics and Natural Philosophy	600	0	0						
Mental Science	600	0	0						
Chemistry	600	0	0						
Natural Science	450	0	0						
Anatomy	600	0	0						
Mining	600	0	0						
Lecturers—Law	50	0	0						
French	58	6	8						
Surgery	183	6	8						
				4,441	13	4			
Officers—Registrar	200	0	0						
Janitor	55	0	0						
Porter (dissecting-room)	70	8	0						
				325	8	0			
Carried forward ... ..	...	...	...	4,767	1	4	969	4	11

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	...	...	...	...	...	4,767	1	4	969	4	11
Fees—University of New Zealand	...	...	18	18	0						
Professors and lecturers	...	...	571	14	6						
						590	12	6			
Local analyst	...	...	...	...	...	3	10	0			
									5,361	3	10
Museum maintenance	...	...	...	...	...				608	2	3
Athenæum—Proportion of rent of Museum endowment	...	...	...	...	...				121	13	4
School of Mines—Appliances	...	...	...	...	...				113	6	6
Furniture and fittings	...	...	...	...	...				25	16	1
Apparatus and chemicals	...	...	...	...	...				457	3	6
Professors' passage and outfit	...	...	...	...	...				203	4	0
Endowments—Cost of management	...	...	...	...	...				22	7	0
Library	...	...	...	...	...				78	10	0
Printing, advertising, and stationery	...	...	...	...	...				90	0	11
Gas, water, and fuel	...	...	...	...	...				176	9	0
Insurance	...	...	...	...	...				33	18	0
City rates	...	...	...	...	...				93	15	0
Sundries	...	...	...	...	...				52	1	8
Building account	...	...	...	...	...				5,560	5	1
University grounds	...	...	...	...	...				153	11	0
Commission, charges, and premium on loan				325	0	0
Interest on loan				234	1	4
„ current account				48	19	6
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I certify this abstract to be correct.

H. LIVINGSTON,
Auditor.

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