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NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION: THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO.

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

The VICE-CHANCELLOR of the UNIVERSITY of OTAGO to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.
YOUR EXCELLENCY,— University of Otago, Dunedin, 1898.

In compliance with the provisions of "The Otago University Ordinance, 1869," I have the honour to forward to your Excellency the following report of the proceedings of the University of Otago for the year ending the 31st day of March, 1898:—

The classes have this year been attended by an increased number of students, and the following table shows a steady rate of increase for the last few years:—

Males				Females			Grand Total.
	Matriculated.	Not Mat.	Total.	Mat.	Not Mat.	Total.	
1894 ...	140	31	171	36	4	40	211
1895 ...	141	40	181	44	1	45	226
1896 ...	174	27	201	32	1	33	234
1897 ...	177	34	211	46	...	46	257

The degrees and scholarships granted by the New Zealand University since last report were as follows:—

Master of Arts: William Newlands.

Senior Scholarships: Leslie E. Williams, in Latin; George E. Thompson, in English and French; Henry Fawsitt Skey, in physics; Thomas A. Hunter, in mental science.

The John Tinline Scholarship: Miss Annie Bauchop.

M.B. and Ch.M.: William A. Logan, Alfred R. Falconer, B.A., B.Sc.; Charles North, B.A., B.Sc.; George P. Brown, John H. Neil.

LL.B.: James B. Nichol, Neil Paterson.

Bachelor of Science: Henry Fawsitt Skey, Sheddan T. Brugh.

Bachelor of Arts: Helen Baird, Annie Bauchop, Flora Campbell, Linda C. Fenwick, Charlotte E. MacGregor, Marion B. Thompson, Andrew John Crawford, John E. Bertram, Frank W. Dunlop, Albert J. Ferguson, Thomas A. Hunter, Alexander Marshall, Andrew G. C. Miller, Stuart A. Moore, Reginald Moore, George E. Thomson, Leslie E. Williams, Henry F. Wilson, C. L. Wyllie.

Stuart Prize.—The Stuart Prize for the year was awarded to D. McKee Wright, for a poem: Queen Victoria, 1837–97.

Endowments.—The tenancy of the endowments is the same as last year, and the rentals have been duly received, with the exception of a small amount, since arranged, on a small section of the Barewood Run.

Loan.—The loan for the improvement of a portion of the University site in Castle Street has now being raised, and plans are being prepared for a substantial retaining wall and earth-filling, which will enable a number of valuable building sites to be offered for lease. A Bill has been introduced into Parliament for the purpose of amending the powers of leasing over the block.

School of Mines.—Practically no work has been received from the country districts for the crushing plant, but, in view of the large number of applications for admission to the school, the Council have had to authorise the expenditure of a large sum to rebuild the assay furnaces, so as to accommodate the increased number of students. The assay laboratory has been entirely rearranged, and much more complete fittings have been provided, including new work-benches and lockers. The report of the Director, appended herewith, gives full details of the work of the year.