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EDUCATION: THE CANTERBURY COLLEGE.

("THE CANTERBURY COLLEGE AND CANTERBURY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE ACT, 1896.")

[In continuation of E.—8, 1898.]

*Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.**Visitor.*—The Minister of Education.*Board of Governors* (Henry Richard Webb, F.R.M.S., Chairman).

Appointed by His Excellency the Governor—The Right Rev. John Joseph Grimes, D.D., Mr. John Jackson, and the Right Rev. Churchill Julius, D.D.

Elected by members of the Legislature—Hon. William Montgomery, M.L.C., Rev. William Morley, D.D., and Hon. Edward Cephas John Stevens, M.L.C.

Elected by graduates—Mr. William Chrystall, Rev. Canon Harper, M.A., Mr. George Gattonby Stead, Mr. Henry Richard Webb, F.R.M.S., Rev. Gordon Webster, M.A., and Mr. Richard Westenra.

Elected by public school teachers—Mr. Charles Smith Howard, Mr. Thomas Hughes, B.A., and Mr. Thomas Shailer Weston.

Elected by School Committees—Mr. Thomas William Adams, Mr. George Warren Russell, and Mr. John Lee Scott.

Elected by Professorial Board—Mr. Arthur Edgar Gravenor Rhodes, B.A., LL.B.

Registrar—Mr. Alexander Cracroft Wilson.*Professors.*—Classical Chair—F. W. Haslam, M.A. Mathematics and Natural Philosophy Chair—C. H. H. Cook, M.A. Chemistry and Physics Chair—A. W. Bickerton, F.C.S. French and German Chair—W. Michell Clarke, M.A. Biology Chair—Arthur Dendy, D.Sc. English Language, Literature, and History Chair—Arnold Wall, M.A.*Part-time Lecturers.*—Geology—F. W. Hutton, F.R.S. Jurisprudence—W. Izard, M.A., LL.M. Constitutional History—P. F. Rowland, B.A. Political Economy—P. F. Rowland, B.A. Music—G. F. Tendall, Mus. Bac. School of Engineering and Technical Science.—Professor in Charge—Robert J. Scott, M.I.M.E., A.M.I.C.E.*Girls' High School.*—Lady Principal—Miss M. V. Gibson, M.A., N.Z.*Boys' High School.*—Headmaster—C. E. Bevan-Brown, M.A., Oxford.*Museum.*—Curator—Captain F. W. Hutton, F.R.S.*School of Art.*—Headmaster—G. Herbert Elliott.*Public Library.*—Librarian—A. Cracroft Wilson. Sub-librarian—H. Strong.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

At the meeting of the Board of Governors of Canterbury College, held on Monday the 27th March, 1899, the Chairman's statement of the progress made and work done in the several departments during the year was read, as follows:—

THE COLLEGE.

The last annual report and statement of the Chairman of the Board, being the first under "The Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Act, 1896," was delivered on the 28th March, 1897. Various causes contributed to delay the circulation of the report, chief amongst them being the loss of the examination papers in the wreck of the s.s. "Mataura," near the Straits of Magellan. The Senate of the University made the best arrangements possible under the unusual circumstances of the case. Many students had, however, to undergo the trying ordeal of presenting themselves for another examination before their hard-won honours and degrees could be awarded.

A special committee inquired into the working of the College, and into the causes of the falling-off in the number of students attending. Much time and attention was given to the consideration of the questions submitted under the order of reference, and some suggestions were made by the committee with a view to increase the efficiency of the institution.

A final settlement respecting the division of assets between the Canterbury College and the Canterbury Agricultural College has been lately arrived at. All the securities in which the two institutions were jointly interested have been realised, and an amount of £20,471 18s. 4d. in cash has been transferred to the custody of the Board of the Canterbury Agricultural College. There still remains a sum of £5,800 due to the last-named institution, being the unpaid balance of the award of £6,250, fixed by his Honour Judge Denniston. This bears interest at 5 per cent. per annum. Certain properties forming a portion of the securities above mentioned have been in the hands of the Board since the years 1887 and 1888. The aggregate total of investments made by