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EDUCATION:
CANTERBURY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

“THE CANTERBURY COLLEGE AND CANTERBURY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE ACT, 1896.”)

[In continuation of E.—11, 1905.]

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

Visitor.—His Excellency the Governor.

Board of Governors.

Appointed by His Excellency the Governor—E. Richardson.

Elected by members of the Legislature—Hon. E. C. J. Stevens (Chairman); M. Murphy, F.L.S.; and H. A. Knight.

Elected by governing bodies of agricultural and pastoral associations—W. F. M. Buckley, B.A.; George Gould; and J. Studholme.

Staff.

Director.—W. Lowrie, M.A., B.Sc.

Lecturer on Veterinary Science.—W. J. Colebatch, B.Sc. (Agriculture), M.R.C.V.S.

Lecturer on Chemistry.—G. Gray, F.C.S.

Lecturer on Biology.—F. W. Hügendorf, M.A., D.Sc.

Instructor in Woodwork.—F. W. Sandford.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR.

SIR,—

I have the honour to submit the annual report of this institution for the year 1905.

Fifty-one resident students and two non-resident were enrolled. As this number was in excess of the accommodation, alterations in the building had to be made to meet the increase, and additional studies and bedrooms have been provided. There is now accommodation for fifty-two students, and several applications in excess of this number have been received. As the College farm—785 acres—barely offers adequate facilities for practical work for the students now in residence, any increase of accommodation while the area of land attached remains the same would certainly discount the value of the training in direct proportion to the increase. Unless field-work be made a very important feature at an agricultural college there is little justification for such college, as instruction in science and laboratory practice can be had at technical schools or at a university college. But as agriculture is an art and a business primarily and essentially, it is indispensable that the farm attached to an agricultural college be sufficiently extensive, not only