

6. Such being the unsolicited testimony of a gentleman holding the high position of Governor of New Zealand, and a graduate of the University of Dublin, the friends of the Auckland institution may rest assured that at no distant day a suitable University building will be erected for the benefits of students and the professorial staff.

7. Before closing these remarks on the want of a new University building, I wish to add that I desire to see the present buildings, though now over fifty years old, utilised for many years as residential accommodation for male students from the country parts of the province, and a similar provision I desire to see established temporarily in the new University College—residential accommodation for female students from country districts.

8. At present it is proposed to keep the College library in the present buildings, but to enlarge it by annexing it to the Chairman's room, which he is willing to surrender for library purposes. A suitable library for the female students will be secured by transferring some of the books from the present library to their new quarters, and acquiring from Home books especially suitable for female students.

9. As regards the erection of the new college buildings, I have come to the conclusion, after consulting the Chairman of the Professorial Board, Professor F. D. Brown, that it will be desirable to keep the laboratories for chemistry, physics, and geology in separate buildings, but contiguous to the main buildings. I have also to suggest that Professor Brown and Professor Thomas's departments should not for the present be moved from their present quarters, but that as soon as the main building is erected the departments of classics, mathematics, English, French, commerce, music, and law be transferred thither.

10. I also think it would be very desirable that a portion of the new building should be set apart for the residential accommodation of female students from the country districts. I think that girls who are losing the benefits of paternal and maternal care should receive instead the care of academic supervision. I would have that supervision exercised by a lady who had been educated at Girton College, in Cambridge, or in a similar college. If she were a married lady, I think her husband should be engaged in University teaching.

11. For the residential students I think the rooms for two should consist of two bedrooms and a sitting-room, and that there should be a dining-room for the male students in the old building, and a dining-room for the female students in the new building. I think the charge for each set of rooms should be £10 per annum.

12. If I have gone into too much detail in these matters, I hope the Government will excuse me; but I thought it desirable that both the Government and Parliament should be in possession of my full views on these subjects. When I estimated the cost of college buildings in 1879 at Auckland and Wellington at £12,500 the cost of such buildings was estimated at a lower rate than now prevails; but I think if Auckland were to get in two years the same amount as the Victoria College in Wellington has received, the Auckland College Council would be satisfied, and would endeavour to keep its expenditure within that amount for its new University College.

13. *Pension Scheme.*—Most of the changes in the management of this College can be effected by the governing body; but, as regards matters involving legislation, I think the pension scheme that was established a few years ago for the benefit of teachers in the primary and secondary schools should be extended to Professors and Lecturers in University Colleges. I also do not think that these officers should be compulsorily retired at the age of sixty-five, but should retire either voluntarily after that age or at the instance of the governing body.

14. *Quorum.*—I would also suggest that the quorum for transaction of business fixed by section 14 of the original Act be reduced from "five" to "three" members of the Council, as inconvenience sometimes arises from waiting for a fifth member.

15. *Receipts and Expenditure.*—General Account: Receipts, including balance of £5,181 12s. 4d. from 1907, £10,037 5s. 3d.; expenditure, £5,402 16s. 9d.; balance, £4,634 8s. 6d. Specialisation Account: Receipts, including balance of £1,877 14s. 4d. from 1907, £3,877 14s. 4d.; expenditure, £4,075 16s. 3d.; debit balance, £198 1s. 11d. Endowments: The income from the endowments was £501 12s. 3d., and the expenditure was £21 6s. 7d., leaving a net revenue of £480 5s. 8d.

16. *Degrees and Honours.*—The degrees and honours gained at last November examinations of the University of New Zealand are as follows: Honours in Science, 1; Master of Arts, 1; Master of Science, 1; Bachelors of Arts, final section, 11; Bachelors of Arts, first section, 13; Bachelors of Laws, final section, 2; Bachelors of Laws, first section, 15; Bachelor of Science, first section, 1; Bachelor of Music, final section, 1; Bachelor of Music, first section, 1; Senior Scholarships, 4.

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