

D. REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY COLLEGE, 1917.

(The Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Act, 1896.)

Visitor.—The Minister of Education.*Board of Governors* (J. C. Adams, Esq., B.A., Chairman).

Appointed by His Excellency the Governor-General—Leonard Monk Isitt, Esq., M.P.; the Right Rev. Churchill Julius, D.D.; and Thomas William Adams, Esq.

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Elected by School Committees—Charles Henry Adolphus Truscott Opie, Esq.; Henry Dyke Acland, Esq.; and Hugh Boyd, Esq.

Elected by Professorial Board—William Izard, Esq., M.A., LL.M.

Registrar—George H. Mason, Esq.*Staff.*

Professors.—Classics—H. Stewart, M.A. (absent on active service); H. D. Broadhead, B.A. (*locum tenens*) Mathematics and Natural Philosophy—J. P. Gabbatt, M.A., M.Sc. English Language and Literature—Arnold Wall, M.A. French and German—T. G. R. Blunt, M.A. Chemistry—W. P. Evans, M.A., Ph.D., M.S.C.I. Engineering—Robert J. Scott, M.I.C.E., M.I.M.E., M.A.I.E.E. Biology and Director of Studies in Science—Charles Chilton, M.A., D.Sc., M.B., C.M., F.L.S. History and Economics, and Director of Studies in Commerce—James Hight, M.A., Litt.D., F.R.E.S. Physics—C. C. Farr, D.Sc., A.M.I.C.E. Mental Science—C. F. Salmond, M.A., N.Z.

Lecturers, five. Assistants and Demonstrators, eight.

EXTRACT FROM THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Finance.—The total receipts amounted to £52,865, as compared with £51,352 in the year 1916, an increase of £1,513. The total expenditure for the year reached £46,663, exceeding the total of the previous year (£43,196) by £3,467. The surplus of income over expenditure amounted to £5,947, and of this sum £3,180 was utilized to reduce overdrafts, £2,611 was carried forward to the following year, and £156 was transferred to capital. Subsidies and grants from Government amounted during the year to £12,958, of which sum the capitation for free-place pupils reached £5,937. Included in the total were the special grant of £2,000 for specialization in engineering, and £1,675 the grant from the national endowment for University purposes, while the grant towards cost of buildings only amounted for the whole year to £645. The total amount paid in salaries was £26,789, as compared with £25,926 during the previous year. Tuition fees, including the capitation paid by Government for free places, amounted to £9,963, showing a decrease of £1,361 on the figures for the year 1916.

College.—During the past year a matter of great importance with regard to the future of Canterbury College has been under consideration, and, though a definite conclusion has not yet been arrived at, it may not be out of place to draw attention to it. Many throughout the Dominion who were interested in education felt that the University of New Zealand was behind Universities in other parts of the world in the provision that was made for the all-important subject of education. The report of a committee set up to investigate the matter stated, *inter alia*, that the present provision was faulty (1) inasmuch as it allowed a student to take the subject too early in his University course—*i.e.*, before he had the groundwork of knowledge or the maturity of mind necessary for commencing a successful study of the subject—and (2) because it was regarded as an ordinary subject of general culture instead of being the nucleus of a group of subjects leading to a special certificate or to a degree. The committee also found that the provision was inadequate because there was not a properly co-ordinated series of studies and no provision was made for advanced or honours work and recognition thereof. Suggestions were made for a post-graduate course which should include not only special study of the necessary group of subjects, but also definite practical work, in order that the holder of the diploma or degree should be not merely a theorist, but also should have practical knowledge resulting from actual contact with classes. The Senate considered these proposals and forwarded them to the Board of Studies for favourable consideration, and the subject will be further dealt with at the