

May it therefore please your Honourable House to take this subject of University education into your most favourable consideration, and to devise such means as may speedily secure its advantages for the youth of this Colony.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

[Here follow five signatures.]

No. 5.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the Colony of New Zealand, in Parliament assembled,

*The humble Petition of the undersigned Colonists residing in the Province of Otago,*

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,—

That at a public meeting held in Dunedin on the fifteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

1. Moved by Mr. R. B. Martin, seconded by Mr. Thomas Dick—"That, in the opinion of this meeting, it is of the utmost importance to the welfare of the Colony that the means of obtaining a higher education than at present exists should be provided, and it therefore hails with delight the movement in the General Assembly towards securing this object."
2. Moved by Mr. John Bathgate, seconded by Mr. James Macassey—"That, in the opinion of this meeting, the time has now come when decided steps should be taken for the founding of a New Zealand University or College, and that the Assembly be strongly urged to do so immediately."
3. Moved by the Rev. D. M. Stuart, seconded by Mr. James Fulton—"That, in the opinion of this meeting, five professorships would be sufficient for the present wants of the Colony."
4. Moved by the Rev. F. C. Simmons, seconded by Mr. George Duncan—"That, in the opinion of this meeting, scholarships should be instituted to enable young men to prosecute their education at any University of established reputation, the choice of University being left to the parents or guardians of successful competitors."
5. Moved by the Rev. Richard Connebee, seconded by the Rev. William Will—"That such scholarships should only be regarded as a temporary expedient, and should cease as soon as a New Zealand University be established, and in lieu thereof New Zealand scholarships be instituted."
6. Moved by the Rev. J. L. Parsons, seconded by Mr. R. A. Lawson—"That these resolutions be embodied in a memorial to the Assembly, and transmitted to the Members for Dunedin for presentation. The following gentlemen, with power to add to their number, to act as a Committee for securing signatures:—E. B. Cargill, James Fulton, John Bathgate, George Duncan, R. B. Martin, A. Livingston, Robert Gillies."

That in the opinions expressed in these resolutions your petitioners heartily concur.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly entreat your Honourable House to take into consideration the matters in the said resolutions referred to, and adopt such measures as to your Honourable House may appear expedient.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

[Here follow 273 signatures.]