

The third regulation, "Matriculated students must present themselves annually for Matriculated examination," the Government is advised, is framed in the language of a resolution, not as a regulation. It seems to me that some explanation is required on the following points:—

1. Whether it is intended that a matriculated student not holding a scholarship shall be bound to come up every year for University examination, whether attending lectures and at affiliated institution or not.

2. What is to be the penalty or result of not coming up for annual examination.

I am advised that it would have been better to make the proviso a substantive regulation, defining the result of disobedience of the regulation.

If the intention is that unless the student comes up for annual examination, that the year's terms are not to count as qualifying for degrees, then this, if intended, should be expressed.

The first regulation, "Scholarships not tenable after twenty-one years of age," will be submitted to cabinet, and I shall be glad to receive some explanation on the points referred to by me in respect of the other regulations, before they are similarly submitted.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE.

The Chancellor of the New Zealand University,
Christchurch.

No. 26.

Mr. H. J. TANCRED to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

University of New Zealand, Wellington, 22nd April, 1872.

I have the honor to call your attention to an error contained in the Order in Council of 19th February, 1872, published in *Gazette* No. 10, of 26th February.

In that order it is stated that the sum of £3,000 has been paid to the University out of the Consolidated Fund in and for the year ending 30th June, 1872.

No such payment has however been yet made to the University, the only sum paid to it from the Consolidated Fund having been paid on the 10th June, 1871, in and for the financial year ended 30th June, 1871, to which year alone it by law strictly was applicable.

You will at once recognize this on referring to the correspondence between the Chancellor of the University and Mr. Sewell, the Acting Colonial Treasurer, and to the Public Accounts of the Colony, when the only payment to the University will be found included in the expenditure for the financial year ended 30th June, 1871.

I have, &c.,

HENRY JOHN TANCRED,
Chancellor.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.

No. 27.

The Hon. W. GISBORNE to Mr. H. J. TANCRED.

(No. 290.)

SIR,—

Colonial Secretary's Office, Wellington, 26th April, 1872.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, and to thank you for calling my attention to an error contained in one of the recitals in the Order in Council noted in the margin, in which it is stated that the sum of £3,000 has been paid to the University out of the Consolidated Fund "in and for the year ending 30th June, 1872." The words should have been "in the year ending 30th June, 1871."

I am advised by the Attorney-General that the endowment in question is not by law payable "for" any financial year, but during each year of the existence of the University, and that at all events the University did not come into existence till June last, when the Chancellor was chosen. The first year, then, of the existence of the University will expire in June next, and the Attorney-General is of opinion that the annual sum of £3,000 for the second year is not payable until after the commencement of the second year of the existence of the University, and that it is payable at any time within that year; and that "The New Zealand University Act, 1870," will be satisfied if it is paid at any time before the expiration of that year.

I have, &c.,

W. GISBORNE.

The Chancellor of the New Zealand University,
Christchurch.

No. 28.

Mr. H. J. TANCRED to the Hon. W. GISBORNE.

SIR,—

University of New Zealand, Wellington, 24th April, 1872.

I have the honor herewith to enclose report of the proceedings of the New Zealand University, as mentioned in the report.

The vouchers mentioned therein have been sent to the Auditor-General for convenience sake, to await instructions by the Governor as to the mode of audit.

I have, &c.,

HENRY JOHN TANCRED,
Chancellor.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Wellington.