

1882.
NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION.
THE OTAGO UNIVERSITY.

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The CHANCELLOR to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

SIR,—
University of Otago, 29th April, 1882.
In compliance with “The Otago University Ordinance, 1869,” I have the honour to transmit to your Excellency the following report of the proceedings of the University for the year ending the 31st March, 1882.

The session which opened on the 2nd May last was attended by 131 students, of whom 41 have matriculated. The number of students in the previous session was 120, of whom 41 had matriculated. The several classes were attended as follows :—

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Latin ...	25	23	Physics ...	...	5
Greek ...	7	1	Biology ...	10	3
English language and literature ...	3	35	Botany ...	...	12
Constitutional history ...	...	2	Anatomy ...	4	4
Political economy ...	10	10	Practical anatomy ...	4	3
Mathematics and natural philosophy	59	52	Physiology ...	...	10
Mental and moral science ...	12	14	Surgery ...	...	1
Chemistry ...	20	15	French ...	8	3
Practical chemistry ...	21	11	German ...	5	1
Metallurgy ...	...	4	Law ...	7	8
Mineralogy ...	...	4			
Mining ...	...	4			
Determinative mineralogy ...	5	2	Total ...	200	227

B.A. Degree.—The following undergraduates, viz., Farnie, J. Hendry, Jeffcoat, Purdie, and Salmond passed the final examination for the B.A. degree; and Burn, J. Golding, Hewatt, J. Johnston, J. Johnstone, Lindsay, McDermid, A. J. Park, Smaill, J. W. Smith, and W. A. Stout passed the first section of that degree.

M.A. Degree.—A. Montgomery, taking first class honours in chemistry and experimental physics.

Scholarship.—A senior scholarship has been awarded by the Senate of the New Zealand University to A. J. Park.

School of Mines.—The Director of the School of Mines reports that the course of instruction in the School of Mines has been carried out in conformity with the curriculum published in the Calendar. The classes were attended by 8 students, as follows: Mining Geology and Mining, 4; Mineralogy, 5; Metallurgy, 4; Chemistry, 3; Physics, 2; Mathematics, 3. Seven of the students entered for the annual examination and passed successfully. The Director further reports that during the past year he had been consulted more frequently than the previous year—both personally and by letter—on subjects relating to mineralogy. At the request of the Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands for Southland, he also made an inspection and report of certain gold and copper ore discoveries on Stewart Island.

Medical School.—The proposal to establish a medical school in connection with the University has from time to time engaged the attention of the Council. As early as 1872 the Provincial Government intimated their desire to see such a school instituted, and showed their earnestness by the grant of a special endowment. The Council took immediate action by appointing a Professor of Anatomy and Physiology, and Lecturers on Surgery and Medicine. These appointments—with the Chemistry and Natural History Chairs already established—enabled the University to offer students a two years' course, which is recognized by Home medical schools. As the revenue of this special endowment is now increasing, the Council has resolved to complete the course of medical instruction. The regulations for graduation in medicine having been framed by the New Zealand University, the necessary additions to the teaching staff will be made as the occasion arises. Courses of popular lectures on botany, chemistry, and physiology, by their respective Professors, were delivered during the session, of which a considerable number gladly availed themselves.