

1883.
NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION: UNIVERSITY OF NEW ZEALAND

(PAPERS RELATING TO).

[In continuation of E.-5, 1882.]

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

No. 1.

The REGISTRAR to the Hon. the MINISTER of EDUCATION.

SIR,— University of New Zealand, Christchurch, 21st June, 1882.

I have the honour, by direction of the Chancellor, to enclose to you a petition from the Senate of the University to Her Majesty the Queen, and to ask that His Excellency the Governor may be advised to forward the petition by the first opportunity to England.

I have, &c.,

W. M. MASKELL,
Registrar.

The Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

Enclosure in No. 1.

To Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE CHANCELLOR AND SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ZEALAND,
HUMBLY SHOWETH—

1. THAT in the Act of the New Zealand Legislature dated the thirty-first day of August, 1874, under which the University of New Zealand as at present constituted was established, provision was made for the conferring by the said University of degrees in Arts, Law, Science, Medicine, and Music.

2. That, in a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated the twenty-second day of January, 1875, addressed to the Governor of New Zealand, it is stated that your Majesty's Ministers were unable to advise that a charter should be granted to the said University, unless the said Act were so amended as to exclude the power to confer degrees in Science.

3. That, in order to meet the objection specified in this despatch, an Act was passed in 1875 by the Parliament of New Zealand amending as required the Act of 1874, and a charter was thereupon granted by your Most Gracious Majesty to the University of New Zealand.

4. That your petitioners have become aware that a charter has been granted to the University of Adelaide, Australia, under date the twenty-second day of March, 1881, in which power to confer degrees in Science is given to that University.

5. That, therefore, your petitioners humbly hope that your Majesty will see fit to grant to this University the same privilege as that enjoyed by the University of Adelaide, a privilege so much the more desirable in their opinion from the fact that a yearly increasing number of students in this colony are prosecuting their studies in the various branches of science.

6. Your petitioners would humbly express the opinion that the Legislature of New Zealand would not hesitate to amend the existing University Act so as to include power to confer degrees in Science if the extension of the charter now asked for be allowed.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

On behalf and by direction of the Senate,

20th June, 1882.

HENRY JOHN TANCRED,
Chancellor.

No. 2.

The Hon. the MINISTER of EDUCATION to the CHANCELLOR.

SIR,—

Education Department, Wellington, 21st November, 1882.

I have the honour to forward to you copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the
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