

1883.
NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION.

THE OTAGO UNIVERSITY.

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

The CHANCELLOR to His Excellency the GOVERNOR.

SIR,—

University of Otago, 9th May, 1883.

In compliance with "The Otago University Ordinance, 1869," I have the honour to forward to your Excellency the following report of the proceedings of the University for the year ending the 31st March, 1883:—

The session which began on the 1st of May was attended by 122 students, of whom 43 have matriculated.

The attendance at the several classes was as follows:—

	1882.	1883.		1882.	1883.
Latin	23	17	Physics	5	0
Greek	1	2	Biology	3	7
English	35	41	Practical biology	0	6
Constitutional history	2	5	Botany	12	7
Political economy	10	6	Anatomy	4	8
Mathematics and natural philosophy	52	29	Practical anatomy	3	7
Mental and moral science	14	15	Physiology	10	3
Chemistry	15	17	Surgery	1	3
Practical chemistry	11	17	French	3	1
Metallurgy	4	2	German	1	3
Assaying	0	1	Law	8	14
Mineralogy	4	4			
Mining	4	4			
Determinative mineralogy	2	4	Total	227	223

B.A. DEGREE.—The following undergraduates—viz., D. W. M. Burn, W. J. Cattan, J. Golding, E. Hewat, J. Johnstone, T. Smaill, and D. White—passed the final examination for the B.A. degree; and J. Fitzgerald, A. Hamann, Owen J. Hodge, R. McNab, and T. K. Sidey passed the first section of that degree.

M.A. DEGREE.—J. W. Salmond, taking second-class honours in mental science; T. C. Farnie, taking third-class honours in mental science.

LL.B. DEGREE.—W. D. Milne.

MEDICAL SCHOOL.—The Council, in carrying out its intention to complete the course of medical instruction as reported last year, has resolved to appoint, in the course of this year, Lecturers (5) on the Practice of Medicine, Pathology, Medical Jurisprudence and Public Health, Midwifery, and Materia Medica. With this addition to the existing staff the Medical School will be fully officered.

The Council has also the satisfaction of reporting that, at its request, the Senate of the New Zealand University has passed a resolution recognizing the Medical School of the Otago University. The Council is sanguine that this step in advance in higher education will prove of great service and be acceptable to the colony.

SCHOOL OF MINES.—The Director of this school has from time to time urged upon the Council the necessity of strengthening the School of Mines by the addition of two or three lecturers. It has only been hindered from taking action in this direction by the state of the finances of the University. Should the Government continue the existing subsidy it is very likely that the lecturers necessary to complete the curriculum of mining instruction will be appointed as required. The Director has been, during the vacation, at the service of the Department of Mines in connection with the gold fields of the West Coast and Central Otago. The Council is confident that his professional experience cannot be otherwise than advantageous to the colony.

MUSEUM.—This institution continues to prosper. The Curator has effected considerable improvements in the arrangement, and through his zeal new and valuable specimens in every department of natural history have been added to the collection. Alterations suggested by the Curator with a view to an increase of space are now under consideration.