

andesite, with a druse cavity, showing fine radiating crystals of aragonite, and, distributed over a mammillary coating of zeolitic matter fine transparent crystals of phillipsite.

Mr Thomas Esdaile Seven specimens of granite and gneiss from Brazil, ten specimens of rocks from the Thames Goldfield, the Crown Mine, Waihi, and Mount Tarawera, twelve specimens of rocks from the Hot Lakes district, North Island five rock specimens from Lyttelton Harbour, and six specimens of auriferous quartz from the Crown Mine, Thames district, two showing fine pseudomorphous crystals of quartz after calcite.

Mr. James Park, Director, Thames School of Mines One specimen of pearlspar, one of chlorite rock full of magnetite, one of quartz, and three of granite, from the King-country, North Island.

Mr N D. Cochrane, Inspector of Mines Seventeen specimens of rocks and minerals from different places on the West Coast, South Island, including coal, auriferous quartz, stibnite, scheelite garnetiferous granite, and mica-schist, and actinolite.

Mr W L. Neill Fine large crystal of black tourmaline in chlorite rock, from the Nelson district.

Messrs. Gibb and Macdonald Eight specimens of partly pure, partly altered, and chromite-bearing dunite, from the Dun Mountain, near Nelson.

Mr D. Wilkinson Eight specimens of tin-ore from Brookstead, Roy's Hill, and Rex Hill, Tasmania.

Mr C. Boydell Twelve specimens Port Chalmers breccia, showing inclusions of phonolite and other rocks.

Mr W Goodlet Three specimens of pitchstone-breccia, from near Oamaru.

Mr. J R. Don Four specimens of spherulitic felsite-porphry, from the West Coast, South Island, also a fine sample of asbestos, with specimens of the wall-rock, from a vein on the Gentle Annie Range, Arrow district.

Professor Shand Four specimens of obsidian from Mayor's Island, two of native sulphur from White Island, one of silicious sinter from Lake Rotomahana Terraces, and two of copper-ore from the Island of Kawau.

Professor Black One specimen of serpentine, one of magnetite, one of infusorial earth, and one of felspathic breccia from Mount Zeehan, Tasmania, one of rhactizite and one of mica from Stewart Island, one specimen of rhodonite from Ophir, Otago, two specimens of pitchstone-breccia, two of lithographic limestone, and one of chalcedony from Oamaru.

Mr P Fitzgerald A fine specimen of auriferous quartz, showing besides gold specks a coating of gold on galena, from the Phenix Mine, Skipper's Creek, Shotover district.

Mr Murray Russell A fine specimen of crystallized native copper, from the Burra Burra Mine, South Australia, and one of granite from the neighbourhood of Westport, New Zealand.

Mr G. V Allen Three specimens of andesite—one a rare glassy variety—from the neighbourhood of Port Chalmers.

Mr. Rogers Several specimens of rhodonite and of mixed oxides of manganese from the Dome Mountain and Waimea Plains.

Mr R. H. Walcott A specimen of crystallized rhodonite, associated with galena, from the Broken Hill Mine, New South Wales.

Most of the specimens enumerated have, after identification, been labelled and placed in the large glass cases. These cases have now however, become so overcrowded that it is real necessary to make some provision for new accessions of specimens, and a better display of the old ones. The mineral collection especially requires more space, and it is very frequently inspected by the students, because of its containing many species more characteristic than those of the teaching collection, and the overcrowding of the specimens leads to harmful intermixing of the labels. In my last year's report I recommended the provision of a new glass table-case for the purpose, but, on consultation with the Registrar, I think his recommendation of a number of glass-covered shelves along one of the best lighted walls of the room would be not only more convenient for inspection of specimens but also less expensive. In conclusion, I have to mention that since the previous session a number of the large stratigraphical and palæontological diagrams and pictures brought out by Mr Wilkinson from England last year have been hung on the walls of the Museum and lecture rooms, and, whilst being ornamental, form an excellent means of easy instruction to the students.

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II.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO, APPOINTED 4TH APRIL, 1894.

Your committee understand that it is instructed to go fully into all matters connected with the revenue and expenditure of the University, and to offer such suggestions in the matter as may seem desirable, with the object of bringing the annual expenses within the annual income. Before dealing with details your committee desire to offer one or two remarks of a general character which will serve to explain the necessity for the proposals and suggestions subsequently made.

The committee have to place before the Council the fact that the annual expenditure, to which the Council under existing engagements and circumstances is committed, is in excess of the probable income by about £1,250 (if, as is anticipated, a loss of £500 is sustained on account of the Barewood Run), as shown by an appended statement.

This state of things has been brought about entirely by diminished revenue from the several endowments since the present engagements were entered into, as will be seen by the following particulars:—

1. Barewood This run was originally let in 1880 at a rental of £2,925 a year to Mr Proudfoot, and again after his failure let to Mr Pogson at £2,500 a year It was then reduced to £2,000,