

1901.
NEW ZEALAND.

EDUCATION: THE AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

("THE AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ACT, 1882.")

[In continuation of E.-9, 1900.]

Presented in pursuance of the Act.

Visitor.—The Hon. the Minister of Education.

Board of Governors.

Appointed by His Excellency the Governor in Council—Hon. Sir G. M. O'Rorke, M.A., M.H.R. (Chairman); Rev. W. J. Williams; Mr. G. L. Peacocke.

Elected by members of the Legislature—Most Rev. W. G. Cowie, D.D.; Hon. J. A. Tole, B.A., LL.B.; Mr. J. Palmer.

Elected by graduates—Mr. J. S. MacLaurin, D.Sc.; Mr. F. E. Baume, LL.B.; Mr. T. W. Wells, B.A.

Ex officio—Mr. D. Goldie, Mayor of Auckland; Mr. L. J. Bagnall, Chairman of the Education Board.

Staff.

Professors.—Classics—H. A. Talbot-Tubbs, M.A., Oxford. Mathematics—H. W. Segar, M.A., Cambridge. English—C. W. Egerton, M.A., Dublin. Chemistry and Experimental Physics—F. D. Brown, B.Sc., Lond. Biology and Geology—A. P. W. Thomas, M.A., Oxford.

Lecturers.—Music—W. E. Thomas, Mus. Bac. Modern Languages—J. W. E. P. de Montalk, B. ès L. Jurisprudence, Constitutional History, History, and Political Economy—A. McArthur, M.A., LL.D. Mechanical Engineering—A. Hunter, A.I.C.E.

Registrar.—D. W. Runciman, M.A.

The CHAIRMAN of the College to the MINISTER of EDUCATION.

SIR,—

University College, Auckland, 27th June, 1901.

In pursuance of section 25 of "The Auckland University College Act, 1882," the Council has the honour to make the following report:—

1. The number of persons who attended lectures in this College in 1900 was 191: Graduates, 7 (males, 5; females, 2); undergraduates, 93 (males, 59; females, 34); and non-matriculated students, 91 (males, 49; females, 42). There were also eight students exempted from attendance at lectures: of these, 3, however, attended lectures more or less. The total number of students was thus 196. The ordinary lectures on music were not delivered, owing to the death of Herr Schmitt, but his successor, Dr. W. E. Thomas, delivered a special advanced course of eight lectures on harmony and counterpoint, which were attended by fourteen students.

2. The Lecturer on Music, Herr Karl Schmitt, died on the 22nd March, after holding the appointment for eleven years. The Council obtained from the Government the services of the Agent-General to choose a successor to Herr Schmitt, and William Edwin Thomas, Mus. Bac. 1888, and Doctor (Oxford) 1893, was in due course appointed to be Lecturer on Music in this College.

3. From the statement of accounts it will be seen that the cost for the year of the new wing, with necessary furniture, was £287 10s. 9d., in addition to £1,270 14s. 4d. reported last year, making the total cost £1,558 5s. 1d., of which £1,000 was contributed by Government. The ordinary expenditure in 1900 was slightly in excess of the ordinary revenue, and, however rigid may be the economy exercised in the future, the present income of the College cannot be considered adequate to meet the outlay which ought to be incurred to maintain all the departments in a state of efficiency. The income from the endowments of 30,000 acres was £148 2s. 9d., and the expenditure upon them was £29 19s., showing a net revenue of £118 3s. 9d., to which ought to be added rent for right-of-way at Taupiri, £100 16s. 8d., making a total of £219 0s. 5d.

4. To show how difficult it is to keep classes going in the Auckland University College, it may be mentioned that on Dr. McArthur retiring in the month of March, 1901, from the position of Lecturer in General History and Political Economy, and Jurisprudence and Constitutional History, no new lecturer offered to fill the place vacated by Dr. McArthur, the fact being that the University College Council was not in a position to offer any salary but the fees that are chargeable for the lectures. The result is that lectures in the four subjects named have been discontinued for the year, and it hardly seems likely that the Council will be in any better position for renewing these lectures next year.