

D. REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY COLLEGE, 1909.

(The Canterbury College and Canterbury Agricultural College Act, 1896.)

[In continuation of E.-7, 1909.]

Visitor.—The Minister of Education.*Board of Governors* (J. C. Adams, B.A., Chairman).

Appointed by His Excellency the Governor—The Right Rev. John Joseph Grimes, D.D.; the Right Rev. Churchill Julius, D.D.; and Mr. Thomas William Adams.

Elected by members of the Legislature—George Rennie; Mr. Henry George Ell, M.P.; and Mr. John Lee Scott.

Elected by graduates—Very Rev. Dean Harper, M.A.; Mr. Thomas Scholfield Foster, M.A.; Mr. William Hugh Montgomery, B.A.; Mr. S. Hurst-Seager; Mr. Alfred George Talbot, M.A., M.B., C.M., M.R.C.S.; and Mr. George Thorgate Weston, B.A., LL.B.

Elected by public-school teachers—Mr. Thomas Hughes, B.A.; Mr. Jonathan Charles Adams, B.A.; and Mr. Lawrence Berry Wood, M.A.

Elected by School Committees—Mr. Charles Henry Adolphus Truscott Opie; Mr. Henry Dyke Acland; and Mr. Thomas William Rowe, M.A., LL.B.

Elected by Professorial Board—Mr. William Izard, M.A., LL.M.

Registrar—Mr. George H. Mason.*Professors.*—Classics—F. W. Haslam, M.A. Mathematics and Natural Philosophy—J. P. Gabbatt, M.A. Chemistry—W. P. Evans, M.A., Ph.D., Giessen, M.S.C.I., London. French and German—T. G. R. Blunt, M.A. Biology and Palæontology—Charles Chilton, M.A., D.Sc., M.B., C.M., F.L.S. English Language, Literature, and History—Arnold Wall, M.A. Economics, History, and Commerce—James Hight, M.A., Litt. D., F.R.E.S.*Part-time Lecturers.*—Geology—Robert Speight, M.A., B.Sc., F.G.S. Jurisprudence and Law—T. A. Murphy, M.A., LL.B. Mental Science and Classics—C. F. Salmond, M.A. Music—J. C. Bradshaw, Mus. Doc., F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M. Education—Edwin Watkins, B.A. Accounting and Accountancy—Mr. J. Morrison, F.I.A.N.Z. Sound, Light, and Heat—C. C. Farr, D.Sc., A.M.I.C.E.*School of Engineering, Electricity, and Technical Science.*—Professor in Charge—Robert J. Scott, M.I.C.E. M.I.M.E.*Girls' High School.*—Lady Principal—Miss M. V. Gibson, M.A.*Boys' High School.*—Headmaster—C. E. Bevan-Brown, M.A.*Museum.*—Curator—Edgar R. Waite, F.L.S. Assistant Curator—Robert Speight, M.A., B.Sc., F.G.S.*School of Art.*—Director—R. Herdman-Smith, A.M., F.S.A.M.*Public Library.*—Librarian—H. Strong.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

At the meeting of the Board of Governors of Canterbury College, held on Monday, 30th May, 1910, the Chairman (Mr. J. C. Adams, B.A.) laid on the table the accounts of the Board for the year 1909, duly certified by the Auditor-General, and in doing so delivered the following address:—

Gentlemen,—Owing to the resignation of our late Chairman, there has fallen upon me the task of placing before you the thirty-seventh annual report of the working of the Board, and it gives me much pleasure to be able to state that the work of the various institutions under its control is in a very satisfactory position.

As so short a time has elapsed since I was elected to the chair, it is not within my power to give as full a report as I would like, but just to present the most salient features before you.

The complete returns embodied in this report, together with the annual statement of receipts and expenditure, will give members of the Board full information as to the position of the several institutions controlled by the Board.

I purpose, therefore, to deal more closely with the events that have occurred during the past year, and show the progress that has been made in the various departments connected with Canterbury College.

DEGREE IN AGRICULTURE.

With regard to matters connected more directly with the curriculum, two very important changes were considered by the Board, and the alterations advocated brought to a successful issue.

The first was a rearrangement of the syllabus for the Degree in Agriculture. It was found that the course, as laid down in the Calendar of the University of New Zealand, practically excluded from so doing those who were anxious to proceed to this degree. The Boards of Governors of the Canterbury Agricultural College and Canterbury College met and carefully discussed the conditions as laid down and the proposed alterations, with the result that the proposals laid before the Senate met with that body's approval, and it is hoped that the changes determined on will encourage many to proceed to a degree in this subject.

MATRICULATION.

The second matter was in connection with the Matriculation or Entrance Examination to the University. It had been felt by many who had given this subject careful consideration that there was going on a gradual lowering of the standard required from candidates, due to the triple duty that this examination was required to perform, and that unless some steps were taken to prevent this, true University work would be seriously interfered with. The Board, after obtaining and carefully considering the opinions of those best qualified to judge, forwarded to the authorities of the other University colleges the proposals formulated, and asked for the support of their