

FINANCE

1 In the year 1909 the net income of the University of New Zealand was about £10,000, and, inclusive of grants from the Government for buildings, &c., the total net income of the four University colleges was about £68,000. Not including the building grants, the total was £61,000. The total net income of the University and University colleges may therefore be considered to have been £78,000 or £71,000, according as the grants for buildings are or are not included—that is, 18d. (or 17d.) per head of the population; not, I think, 14d., as stated in the petition. The income of the University and of the University colleges is shown on pages 3 and 8 of the attached paper on higher education (E.-7, 1910).

2 *Comparative Statement of University Expenditure in North and South Islands of New Zealand (1909).*—The following is a summary of the expenditure of the four University Colleges, compiled from the tables in E.-7, 1910, just referred to:

	General.	Buildings.	Total.
	£	£	£
Auckland	7,890	854	8,744
Victoria	10,264	6,484	16,748
(a)	18,154	7,338	25,492
Canterbury	17,465	10,923	28,388
Otago	15,360	2,563	17,923*
(b)	32,825	13,486	46,311
Total (a) and (b)	50,979	20,824	71,803

* Including an expenditure of £325 on Museum.

The number of students at the four colleges is shown in Table M, on page 5 of E.-7, 1910. From this it appears that the total number of all students attending lectures at the two colleges in the North Island was 870, and the total number attending lectures at the two colleges in the South Island was 821.

LIBRARIES.

There is no information in the Department with regard to the state of the libraries at the four University Colleges. As allusion is made in the petition to the University of Toronto, I may state that the University library there in 1907-8 contained upwards of 87,000 volumes, together with upwards of 22,000 unbound pamphlets, and had, besides other rooms, a reading-room capable of seating upwards of two hundred readers.

As is well known, the libraries of the older British universities are very large.

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