

D. REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY COLLEGE, 1916.

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

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

Appointed by His Excellency the Governor-General—Leonard Monk Isitt, Esq., M.P.; the Right Rev. Churchill Julius, D.D.; and Thomas William Adams, Esq.

Elected by members of the Legislature—John Joseph Dougall, Esq.; Thomas Henry Davey, Esq., M.P.; and Hon. George John Smith, M.L.C.

Elected by graduates—Very Rev. Dean Harper, M.A.; William Brook, Esq., M.A.; William Hugh Montgomery, Esq., B.A.; S. Hurst-Sager, Esq., F.R.I.B.A.; Dr. George Mackenzie Lester, M.R.C.S., M.R.C.T., M.A.; and Arthur Edward S. Flower, M.A.

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

Elected by School Committees—Charles Henry Adolphus Truscott Opie, Esq.; Henry Dyke Acland, Esq.; and Hugh Boyd, Esq.

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

Registrar—George H. Mason, Esq.*Staff.**Professors.*—Classics—H. D. Broadhead, B.A. Mathematics and Natural Philosophy—J. P. Gabbatt, M.A., M.Sc. English Language and Literature—Arnold Wall, M.A. French and German—T. G. R. Blunt, M.A. Chemistry—W. P. Evans, M.A., Ph.D., M.S.C.I. Engineering—Robert J. Scott, M.I.C.E., M.I.M.E., M.A.I.E.E. Biology and Director of Studies in Science—Charles Chilton, M.A., D.Sc., M.B., C.M., F.L.S. History and Economics, and Director of Studies in Commerce—James Hight, M.A., Litt.D., F.R.E.S. Physics—C. C. Farr, D.Sc., A.M.I.C.E. Mental Science—C. F. Salmon, M.A., N.Z.

Lecturers, four. Assistants and Demonstrators, eight.

EXTRACT FROM THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Finance.—The total receipts from current revenue on account of the various departments controlled by the Board, for the financial year ended on the 31st December, 1916, amounted to £51,352, exceeding the total of the previous year by £7,420. The total expenditure for the year reached £43,196, as compared with £39,340 for the year 1915. Of the surplus of income over expenditure, which amounted to £8,156, the sum of £3,300 was utilized in the reduction of overdrafts, £2,396 in purchase of land to consolidate endowments, and £1,758 was transferred to capital. During the year the sum of £15,645 was received from the Government in grants and subsidies, including the annual grant of £2,000 for specialization in engineering, £1,433 the annual grant from the national endowment, and £2,415 subsidy towards cost of new buildings. The total amount paid in salaries was £25,926, an increase of £990 on the amount for the previous year. Tuition fees, including Government capitation for free places, totalled £11,324, as compared with £9,676 during the year 1915.

The year's revenue of the Maintenance Account amounted to £19,909, showing a surplus over the expenditure of £4,305. Of this sum, £1,000 was utilized in extinguishing the balance of the Buildings Loan Account debt, and £1,634 was expended in the purchase of freehold land. £13,763 was received as rents from endowments, exceeding the receipts in the previous year from that source by £1,935. Students' fees amounted to £2,426, an increase of £96 on the fees received during 1915. The overdraft on the College Buildings Special Loan Account at the 31st December, 1916, was £7,136. The contribution from the national endowment, as provided for in the New Zealand University Amendment Act, 1914, amounted to £2,148, as compared with £2,316 received in the previous year. Out of the amount received last year the sum of £1,433 was placed to the credit of the College Buildings Special Loan Account.

College.—In the early part of the year the new College library was opened, and has now fully established itself as a substantive part of the economy of the College. When one understands how fully it is used by the students, both as an ordinary library and as a reference library, with its bays and reading-tables occupied by students supplementing their work in the lecture-rooms or preparing for it, it leads one to wonder what was done before, and to understand somewhat the difficulties under which the old-time undergraduate laboured.

Great progress has been made during the year with the new buildings that were authorized and commenced in 1915. By the second term of 1917 all the buildings thus undertaken will be out of the hands of the contractor, though a further addition will then be undertaken in order to extend the Biological Laboratories and lecture-rooms. The Physics Laboratory is finished and is occupied by the professor, who, with his students, will be able to carry on his work under the most up-to-date conditions. The completion of the administrative block at the corner of Montreal and Worcester Street has proved of great value to the Registrar and his staff. The new Board-room, too, enables the Board to hold its meetings without that crowding which used to characterize the former room when anything approaching a full meeting was held.