II. REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ZEALAND AND OF CONSTITUENT COLLEGES.

I. REPORT ON THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ZEALAND, 1936.

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REPORT OF THE SENATE.

In compliance with section 22 of the New Zealand University Amendment Act, 1926, the Senate makes the following report to the Hon. the Minister of Education of the proceedings of the University during the past year.

The Entrance Board met on 25th August, 1936. The Board approved minor amendments to prescriptions in French and German for Entrance Scholarships, recommended the adoption of a revised syllabus in music for Entrance, and again recommended that agriculture should be removed from the Entrance to the School Certificate Examination. Remits from the various schools' associations were considered. The principle of a standardized phonetic alphabet was referred to a special committee.

The Academic Board met on 27th October, 1936. The Board recorded appreciation of the work of professors who had retired during the year—namely, Sir H. Lindo Ferguson and Professors Benham, Coleridge Farr, and Mackenzie. A report was received from the Conference of Professors of Mathematics. The Board approved the recommendations of the Council of Legal Education regarding Law Professional examinations and made various recommendations with a view to bringing the prescriptions of B.A., B.Sc. into line with modern practice. Special discussion centred upon the extent of specialization desirable in the pass degree course. The examiners for 1938 were recommended to the Senate.

The Senate met in Auckland on 22nd January, 1937, when the Chancellor, the Hon. J. A. Hanan, delivered the opening address. The Senate adopted resolutions of regret at the death of Sir Francis H. D. Bell and of Mr. W. B. Montgomery, both of whom had rendered valued service to education. Mr. P. Levi was re-elected Hon. Treasurer, and Professor Thomas was reappointed representative on the Auckland Grammar School Board.

Admission ad eundem statum as matriculated students was granted to ten applicants, and ad eundem gradum to one.

Confirmation of provisional matriculation was granted in forty-eight cases. Entry without fee was accepted in regard to fifty-seven deserving Entrance candidates.

The financial statement showed that if the grant (first made to the University in 1871 and withdrawn after 1929) were not restored it would be necessary either to reduce scholarship benefits or increase examination fees. The fall in the rate of interest, the high exchange rate, and increasing costs were making the financial position of the University difficult.

Through the generosity of the Carnegie Corporation the University was enabled to send eight representatives to be present at the Congress of Australasian Universities held in Adelaide during February

A lengthy report of the Committee on Medical Education was received, and referred to the Council of the University of Otago for consideration and action.

The report of the Committee on Adult Education, as set up at the request of the Minister, was adopted, also the report of a special committee set up to deal with those portions of the Atmore Report relating to University affairs.

Of twenty Bills presented to the Senate, seventeen were passed as drafted, one with minor amendment, one subject to conditions as to certification, and one after being withdrawn and redrafted by the Law Committee.

The Senate adjourned to meet next in Dunedin on 13th January, 1938.