ANNUAL REPORT.—1860-61.

REPORT of the Proceedings of the University of Melbourne during the year commencing on the 1st day of June, 1860, and terminating on the 31st day of May, 1861.

University of Melbourne,
31st May, 1861.

SIR,

I do myself the honor to transmit to you the following Report of the Proceedings of the University of Melbourne during the past year, which, according to the Act of Incorporation, is to be laid before Your Excellency and the Houses of Parliament.

Matriculation

At the Matriculation Examination held at the end of the October term in 1860, fourteen candidates presented themselves, of whom, five passed. At that held in the beginning of the February term in 1861, fifteen presented themselves, of whom, nine passed.

Of the fourteen who thus passed the examination thirteen were matriculated on the second of March, in this year, one, accidently absent on that day, was (by a special grace of the Council) allowed to matriculate on the occasion of the annual commencement. Eleven of these have enrolled their names as students attending, three as not attending lectures.

Honors.

Andrew and Kernot were returned as having passed the Matriculation Examination with credit, and at the Examination for Exhibitions at Matriculation, both Exhibitions, namely, for Classics and English, and for Mathematics and English, were awarded to Kerriot.

At the Annual Examinations, held in November, 1860, and February, 1861, honors were awarded as follow:—
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Students of the First Year.

First Class ... CRAIG ... Exhibition for Classics and English.

Second Class...

Third Class ... McCoy ...

Students of the Second Year.

First Class ... GREENE ... Exhibition for History and Logic.

Second Class...

Third Class ... CRESSWELL Exhibition for Natural Science.

" ... MOLESWORTH

Students of the Third Year.

School of Language and Logic.

First Class ... HALLETT Scholarship.

Second Class...

Third Class...

School of Mathematics and Physics.

First Class ...

Second Class ... GILCHRIST Scholarship.

Third Class ...

School of Natural Science.

First Class ...

Second Class ...

Third Class ... PURCELL
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Law School.

Students of the First Year.

First Class ... GILLOTT Chancellor's Exhibition.
Second Class ... PAVEY ...
" ... HARRIMAN
" ... ROY
" ... SANDERS. } Equal.
Third Class ... GIBBS ...
" ... PURCELL
" ... BYRNE ...

Students of the Second Year.

First Class ... SMITH ... Chancellor's Exhibition, lapsed in 1860.
" ... SNOWDEN Mr. Billing's Gold Medal.
" ... DAVIS
Second Class ... MOORS
" ... O'HALLORAN
" ... RAMSAY
" ... TAYLOR
Third Class ...

The Vice Chancellor's Exhibition for the best English Essay on—"A Comparison of the Poems of Chaucer with those of Milton, as illustrating the state of the English Language at the two periods," was awarded to Mr. John James Beresford Bowman, B.A.

On the 6th of April, 1861, the Annual Commencement was held, and the following Degrees were conferred:

B.A.—HALLETT, CURLEWIS, GILCHRIST, PURCELL.

And of ad eundem Degrees:

B.A.—COLLES, University of Dublin.
" GRIFFITH, University of Dublin.
M.A.—COLLES, University of Melbourne.
L.L.B.—PRENDERGAST, University of Cambridge.
During the past year regulations have been framed for conferring the degree of Bachelor of Laws; further experience of the working of these is required before those for the degree of Doctor of Laws can be prepared. It will be seen that the course of study enjoined is such as to secure a well grounded and liberal education for that profession.

Regulations have also been framed for imparting instruction in the departments of architecture, civil engineering, and surveying.

The importance of these arts and professions to the inhabitants of a country such as this is self-apparent, and the Council came to the conclusion that, though not particularly provided for in the Act of Incorporation, certain of these special branches of study might be made subservient to the object of the foundation of the University, which is to promote sound learning in Victoria.

For the first two of these matriculation is an essential qualification, for the third it is not required, and certificates will be issued to those who fulfil the conditions imposed, as it has not been deemed necessary by the Legislature to empower the Council to confer degrees in these subjects.

Notwithstanding the renewed efforts made by the Council to establish a Medical School, they have met with further obstacles; and although they some time since ventured to publish an announcement that lectures would be given without much more delay they find themselves still unable to fulfil their engagement.

Appeals have been made to different Ministries and to Members of Parliament to support the reasonable claims of the public in this matter, but they have been disregarded.

A representation has recently been made to the Council by an influential body of the medical profession, pressing upon them the great necessity for taking steps to found such a school. The Council is, unfortunately, unable to do more than to add this
valuable advocacy of the measure to the suggestions already offered by them, and to express a hope that the importance of the subject, and the necessity for relieving the Council from the difficulty in which they have been placed, will induce a greater degree of attention to the requirements of the community than has been hitherto afforded.

It would be possible to meet a portion of these very urgent wants without incurring any large outlay. Lecture rooms sufficient for certain of the purposes might be erected at an expense of about £5000 on the foundations at the rear of the quadrangle; and if the additions thus proposed were made, and if space for the National Museum were provided elsewhere, the collection necessary to illustrate many of the scientific lectures delivered at the University would, for some time, find ample room in the present building, with the additions proposed to be made thereto.

The Museum in which the National and University collections are at present arranged is a source of much popular instruction, as appears by the returns of the number of the visitors, which during the past year amounted to 36,204.

But the increase of the National collection has already outgrown the limited dimensions of the chambers allotted to it, and frequent representations are made of the injustice done to the various interesting objects in consequence of the difficulty of exhibiting them to advantage.

Application has been made by His Lordship the Roman Catholic Bishop, that a portion of the seventy-five acres of land devoted by Her Majesty's Government for ultimate educational uses, in subordination to the University, may be set apart for the purpose of erecting thereon a College.

The Council directed that communication should be opened with the Government on the subject, requesting that steps may be taken for surveying and allotting the land for the purposes mentioned, according to the equitable arrangement originally
contemplated, and that provision might be made to admit of the land being held in conformity with the spirit and intention of the Act of Incorporation.

During the past year one vacancy has occurred in the Council by the resignation of Butler Cole Aspinall, Esq. This vacancy has not yet been filled up.

Six years have now elapsed since the schools of the University were first opened, many of the causes which militated against the progress of the students still exist, but some have been removed.

The first and most important subject for congratulation is the marked improvement in the preparation of the students who have been admitted to matriculation. This denotes the greater efficiency of preliminary training in the primary schools, the progress of which, as providers for the University, must be always regarded with anxiety. Upon this the President of the Professorial Board remarks,—"The Matriculation Examination of February was, on the whole, the most encouraging that has yet been held, though there are still very serious defects observable in the preparation of students."

The just rigor with which the proficiency of candidates is tested will ensure the maintenance of the standard insisted on in the University, not merely at entrance but throughout the course, and failure, or only partial success, will demonstrate the necessity for closer attention on the part of those who present themselves.

Alterations in the regulations, noticed as they have been made, have, in some respects removed the discouragement arising from the loss of a year, consequent upon insufficiency of answering at any one of the Entrance or Annual Examinations.

A second opportunity in each academical year is now presented to gain the position lost by want of preparation.

The rules which enjoined attendance upon lectures during term, and entailed as a consequence a resi-
dence in Melbourne, the expense of which was made by some a subject of complaint, have been relaxed.

It is premature to draw general conclusions favorable to these changes, but it appears that, as yet, no actual injury to academic education has been made apparent.

Instances have occurred in which students rejected at the annual examination in October, have not only passed in the ensuing February, but with credit and with the substantial honor of a scholarship; and of those exempted by the indulgence of the Council from the necessity for attending lectures, two students of the last year have taken exhibitions.

In addition to the training for the Degrees in Arts upon a scale of compulsory instruction more comprehensive than that in many other Universities, schools have been opened, as has been already observed, for conferring Degrees in Law and for teaching the useful arts of architecture, civil engineering, and surveying.

The number of matriculated students is 36

of those attending lectures
in law ... 53

of those attending lectures
in civil engineering and
surveying ... 15

Giving a total number of 104

of whom ninety on the whole attend the various lectures with a regularity and attention from which good expectations of their ultimate success may be reasonably entertained.

At the Annual Meeting held on the 27th of this month for the election of officers and committees for the ensuing year—

His Honor Sir Redmond Barry was elected to the office of Chancellor.

Anthony Colling Brownless, Esquire, M.D., was elected to the office of Vice-Chancellor.
The following gentlemen were elected members of the Finance Committee:—

The Hon. The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,
George William Rusden, Esquire,
John Pearson Rowe, Esquire,
William Henry Cutts, Esquire, M.D.;
and the following were elected members of the Building Committee:—

The Chancellor,
The Vice-Chancellor,
The Honorable The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,
The Honorable Thomas Turner a'Beckett,
George William Rusden, Esquire.

The following were elected members of the Library Committee:—

The Chancellor,
The Vice-Chancellor,
The Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Melbourne,
The Right Reverend The Roman Catholic Bishop,
The Reverend Irving Hetherington,
The Reverend Alexander Morison.

The following were elected members of the Medical School Committee:—

The Vice-Chancellor,
The Honorable The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,
The Honorable William Clark Haines,
Godfrey Howitt, Esquire, M.D.,
John Pearson Rowe, Esquire,
William Henry Cutts, Esquire, M.D.
Finance.

A statement showing the receipts and expenditure during the year 1860 is annexed; the amount expended during the year was £9,951 12s. 6d., the balance in hand at its close £385 7s. 9d.

These accounts have been audited by two gentlemen requested by the Council to perform that duty; they are now ready to be submitted to such further examination as it may please Your Excellency to direct.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient Servant,

(Signed) REDMOND BARRY,
Chancellor of the University of Melbourne.

To His Excellency Sir Henry Barkly, K.C.B., &c. &c. &c.
### RECEIPTS.

- **Balance of Endowment for the year 1859**: £2,250 0 0
- **Three quarterly instalments of Endowment for 1860**: £6,750 0 0
- **Fees of Students &c, 1860**: £932 5 0
- **Prize given by the Hon. George Coppin for recitation**: £10 0 0
- **Interest on Bank Account**: £10 5 9
- **Repayment by the Hon. the Treasurer of premium on a remittance to the Agent-General erroneously charged against the University**: £11 18 7

### EXPENDITURE.

#### I. SALARIES:

- **Four Professors**: £4,000 0 0
- **Two Law Readers, Salaries and Fees**: £1,148 0 0
- **Registrar Secretary and Librarian**: £450 0 0
- **Collector of Pathological Specimens**: £350 0 0
- **Porters and Gardeners**: £926 9 9

**Total, Salaries**: £6,874 9 9

#### II. EXHIBITIONS AND PRIZES:

**Exhibitions at Matriculation, 1860**
- 1. Classics and English (Nagle) £50 0 0
- 2. Mathematics and English (McCoy) £50 0 0

**First Year Exhibitions**
- 1. Classics and English (Bromby) £50 0 0
- 2. Mathematics (Goddard) £50 0 0

**Second Year Exhibitions**
- 1. Classics and English (Baltett) £50 0 0
- 2. Mathematics and Natural Philosophy (Gilchrist) £50 0 0
- 3. History and Logic (Gilchrist) £50 0 0

**Scholarships**
- **Social Science, 1860 (Bowman 1st year)** £100 0 0
- **Language and Logic, 1859 (Cole 2nd year)** £100 0 0
- **Natural Science 1858 (Cole 2nd year)** £100 0 0
- **Social Science, 1858 (McFarland 2nd year)** £100 0 0
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