

3.- (a) The Report of the Professorial Board was read and adopted.
 (c) The resignation of the Rev. Dr. Roseby was read and received; and the Registrar was instructed to convey to Dr. Roseby an expression of the Council's regret at the severance of his connection with this Institution.

4.- The following recommendations submitted by the Mining and Machinery Committee were adopted:-

- (1) - That the necessary apparatus for the treatment of Gold Ores by the Newbery-Vautin process be erected at The School. - (A condition that the cost should not exceed £200 for this work was attached by the Council.)
- (2) - That a Shaft be sunk on The School grounds to include Chamber, Drives and Winze which would afford the means for experimental work to Mining Students.
- (3) - The purchase of a Steam Boiler to be left in the hands of the Committee.

A memorandum from Professor Smith setting forth various requirements in connection with the Milling Plant was read and adopted on the recommendation of the Committee.

A schedule of regulations for examinations and Certificates for Mining Managers, considered, and approved of, by the Mining Committee was adopted.

The Vice-President reported that Prof. Krause had commenced the delivery of a course of lectures on Mineralogy and Geology, as applied to Mining, to the Students in the Mining Managers' Class.

The following Report of the operations of The School during the past Quarter was submitted by

The Vice-President:-

Vice-president's Report.—A synopsis of the operations of the school during the past quarter affords gratifying evidence of an unprecedentedly prosperous and progressive term. The number of students and attendances at the school classes, 410 and 9319 respectively, exceeds all previous records for a similar period. The same remark applies to the State School pupils' lecture classes. There were 932 of these pupils on the rolls attending weekly lectures, the aggregate attendance at 91 lectures delivered during the term being 6950 equal to an average of 76 present at each lecture. Seventy-five bullion and over 100 mineral assays were performed for the public of this and the adjacent colonies, and 26 bulk samples of auriferous and argenti-ferous ores have been practically treated in the mining laboratory. The total receipts for the quarter, exclusive of the Government grant, were £672 10s. 1d., of which amount the sum of £306 12s. 9d. was received for the July term-fees. The total amount of term fees received last year (£760 7s.) exceeded all previous receipts for a similar period under this head. The receipts to date for the current year amount to over £950. The total receipts for the previous year under the general heading of fees was £1064 9s.; the receipts for the current year to date are over £1300, which will probably be further augmented by a sum of, say, £200. The total receipts for the current year (irrespective of Government subsidy) will, it is estimated, be an increase of £400 over those of 1887. A continuation of the present prosperous condition of the school will be maintained and improved only by providing the additional means and appliances recommended for giving practical instruction and a thorough training in the subjects connected with our chief industries. An important step in the direction indicated will be taken by the council's concurrence in the recommendations submitted for approval at the meeting of the mining and machinery committee. When considering

an extension of the mining laboratory and appliances, I would ask the council to define the policy of the school in regard to the quantity of pyritous or other ores to be received for treatment. We have quite recently refused to undertake the treatment of one lot of 12 or 13 tons, and two other parcels of 5 tons each, of pyrites. We are indebted to our friends of the Sydney Technical College for the loan of a number of valuable papers containing full information respecting the use, cost and efficiency of different testing machines. These are accompanied by a letter from the secretary requesting the return of the papers after the council have dealt with the subject. There is also a letter from a Sydney firm offering to deliver in bond at Melbourne a complete duplicate of the machine they supplied to the board (in 1884) for the sum of £240. This being the last occasion on which the full council meet this year, I take the opportunity to suggest that a deputation be appointed to wait on the Minister of Education after the supplementary estimates shall have been passed, with a view of making application for an unconditional grant of the sum promised in aid of building and apparatus, the money to be appropriated to (1) liquidation of the debt of £1800 on the museum building, which is maintained at a considerable annual cost to the school, in the interests of the general public; and (2) to meet the expenditure incurred this year on buildings and appliances, including erection and equipment of mining laboratory with machinery, erection of fume chamber, and extended accommodation provided for 32 additional students in chemical laboratory, purchase of physical apparatus, &c.—The report was adopted, and on the motion of Cr. Williams, it was resolved that a deputation, consisting of the vice-president, the hon treasurer, Cr. R. T. Vale, and Bishop Thornton, be appointed to wait on the Minister of Education in reference to a special grant promised for buildings and apparatus for the current year.

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