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## DIVINITY DEGREES.

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### A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to authorise the Senate of the University of New Zealand to grant the Degrees of Bachelor of Divinity and Doctor of Divinity. Title.

5 WHEREAS by the New Zealand University Act, 1874, the Senate of the University is debarred from granting degrees in divinity : Preamble.  
And whereas the Senate, by resolution passed at its meeting of nineteen hundred and five, has expressed its desire to have the prohibition on granting such degrees removed, and it is desirable  
10 to confer upon the Senate the power to confer degrees in divinity as well as the many other degrees that are now authorised by Parliament :

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same,  
15 as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Divinity Degrees Act, 1907 ; Short Title.  
and it shall be read together with the New Zealand University Act, 1874, as amended by this Act.

20 2. Clause twenty-three of the New Zealand University Act, 1874, is amended by the omission in the fourth line of that clause of the words " except theology." Clause 23 of the New Zealand University Act, 1874, amended.

3. From and after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the Senate of the University of New Zealand to confer, on examination, the degrees of Bachelor of Divinity and Doctor of Divinity,  
25 and the same *ad eundem* degrees also. Degrees in divinity authorised.

4. It shall be the duty of the Senate as soon as possible to frame the curriculum for divinity degrees, such curriculum to be so framed as not to favour any particular denomination but to suit all religious denominations : Senate to frame divinity curriculum.

No religious test to be imposed.

Provided that in prescribing the subjects of examination and the course of study no special favour shall be shown to any religious denomination, and no religious test shall be imposed on professor, lecturer, or student.

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5. The course in divinity for these degrees may be pursued either at one of the affiliated institutions or by private study. The teaching of divinity is not to be controlled in any way by the Senate beyond prescribing the curriculum for divinity degrees, fixing the fees for the degrees, and applying for an alteration of the Royal 10 Charter so as to embrace these divinity degrees.