

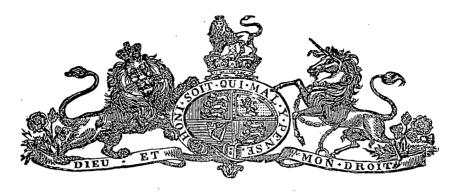
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TASMANIAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION.

DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF ARTS, JUNE, 1889.

IN conformity with the Rules and Regulations of the Tasmanian Council of Education, the Council has directed the publication of the names of the under-mentioned Candidates who have passed the Examination for the Degree of Associate of Arts to the satisfaction of the Examiners, and upon whom the Degree has been conferred accordingly:—

FIRST CLASS.

LYNDHURST FALKINER GIBLIN.
MARY HOGG.
FRANCIS VINCENT SULLIVAN.
NORMAN LAVERS.
WILFRED HODGMAN.
ALEXANDER BRADLEY.
EDITH RHODA HURST.
GUY WORTHINGTON HALCOMB.

SECOND CLASS.

MICHAEL CHARLES SCOTT.
HORACE MAN CROSBY WALCH.
PHILIP DOUGLAS SMITH.
ALFRED JAMIESON DOUGLAS.
ALEXANDER BEAUMONT CRUICKSHANK.
BEATRICE ISABEL AYTON.

THIRD CLASS.

CHARLES JAMES FOX.
AUGUSTA PERKINS.
FLORENCE ISABEL ROBERTS.
MINNIE HEATHORN.

Candidates over Nineteen years of age.

The Council has further directed the publication of the names of the under-mentioned Candidates over the age of nineteen years who have passed the Examination for the Degree of Associate of Arts to the satisfaction of the Examiners, and upon whom the Degree has been conferred accordingly:—

FIRST CLASS. ELIZA HELEN WILSON.

THIRD CLASS.
ROBERT COVELL HURST.

By Order of the Council,

GEO. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

Hobart, 14th June, 1889.

EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF ARTS, 1889

EXAMINERS' REPORT.

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE TASMANIAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION.

WE have the honour to present our Report on the Examination for the Degree of Associate of Arts, which began on Monday, the 3rd, and ended on Tuesday, the 11th June.

Twenty-five Candidates presented themselves. Two of these were above the prescribed age; both obtained the Degree, one being placed in the First and one in the Third Class. No account has been taken of their work in the following Reports.

Of the remaining twenty-three Candidates, ten were girls.

The averages have been taken throughout, as last year, upon the results of all the papers sent up in each subject of examination.

The Reports of the Examiners in the several subjects are:—

I. English, History, and Geography.—Presented by all the Candidates. Twenty-two passed, three—Giblin, Hodgman, and Mary Hogg—with credit; one failed. Full marks, 1100; highest obtained, 790; average, 585.

English.—This year Candidates were required to read aloud in all the Language examinations. As this was the first time such a test had been proposed; it was agreed between the Committee of Council and the Examiners that only 5 per cent. of the marks should be allotted to it as its full value. This should probably be increased for all modern languages, possibly for Latin and Greek also. The reading aloud in English was, with one exception, satisfactory, being correct, clear, and intelligent.

The essays were, as a rule, to the point, and fairly expressed.

The parsing and the analysis were good; and the knowledge of the play, both grammatical and critical, was creditable.

The weak point, as usual, was the etymology. Many of the Candidates are led away by chance resemblances of sound between words, and utterly ignore all principles.

History.—The results showed very fair work, but the Candidates did not pay sufficient attention to dates and definiteness and general accuracy.

Geography.—The average marks were good, but the mapping was very poor. Had the mapping been accorded the place in allotting the marks that was probably due to it, the result would have been decidedly unsatisfactory. Here, as in the History, the Candidates showed a tendency to discursive writing rather than accurate conciseness. Candidates should be reminded that as the Council has wisely relegated even the elements of Physical Geography to the companionship of Geology, this paper, which is supplemental to English and History, can fairly contain only questions on political, descriptive, and industrial geography.

In English, Giblin and Mary Hogg specially distinguished themselves, being equal, with 382 marks out of 500. In History and Geography, Hodgman was facile princeps, with 433 marks out of 600.

II. Latin.—Presented by seventeen Candidates. Fourteen passed, two—Lavers and Giblin with credit; three failed. Full marks, 800; highest obtained, 543; average, 423.

The prescribed work was fairly known, though the translations were not as accurate as they should be. The grammatical questions were well done. As in English, the etymology was the weakest point. Still, so far as the prescribed Latin books and the history were concerned, the examination must be pronounced on the whole a satisfactory one.

The translation from and into Latin at sight, which is the real test of Candidates' knowledge of the language, was comparatively a failure; the average of marks obtained was barely 137 out of the 300 allotted to the paper. A piece of easy re-translation into Latin verse was hardly attempted, and only Lavers, Bradley, Giblin, and Mary Hogg did fairly good Latin prose.

It may be doubtful whether it is worth while retaining verse composition in this examination; but there seems no reason why the Candidates should not be taught to write Latin prose which should be, if not idiomatic, at least grammatically correct.

III. Greek.—Presented by ten Candidates. Eight passed, three—Lavers, Giblin, and Hodgman—with credit; two failed. Full marks, 800; highest obtained, 567; average, 446.

The prescribed books were well known, and the answering in grammar was fair. The history was not thoroughly known, only two Candidates obtaining half marks for their answering.

The translations at sight were distinctly better than the attempts in Latin; those of Lavers and Giblin decidedly good.

IV. French.—Presented by twenty-two Candidates. Nineteen passed, nine—Mary Hogg, Lavers, Edith Hürst, Beatrice Ayton, Scott, Giblin, Bradley, Fox, Smith—with credit; three failed. Full marks, 550; highest obtained, 455; average, 351.

The work in French shows a very marked improvement upon last year's. The reading aloud was as a rule good; the grammar and idioms of the language were well known; and the translations from French fair throughout, and in some cases excellent. The translation into French was with few exceptions very creditable; the compositions sent up by Mary Hogg, Lavers, and Edith Hurst, excellent. Candidates should, however, try to obtain some knowledge of the laws that govern the transmutation of Latin words into their modern French representatives.

V. German.—Presented by ten Candidates. Eight passed, three—Mary Hogg, Halcomb, and Florence Roberts—with credit; two failed. Full marks, 550; highest obtained, 463; average, 316.

The reading aloud was very satisfactory, almost all the Candidates having a good accent. The translations both from and into German were good, and the grammar fairly known.

VI. ITALIAN.—Presented by one candidate, who passed. Full marks, 550; highest obtained, 308.

Account was taken this year in Italian of the pronunciation of the language, and the reading at sight was fairly successful. I consider this feature in the examination very important, and congratulate the Council on its adoption. The translations at sight from Italian into English were rather indifferently rendered, and, as usual, the translations into Italian were very mediocre; but the grammatical questions were fairly mastered.

VII. NATURAL PHILOSOPHY.—Presented by six Candidates. Three passed with credit; three failed. Full marks, 250; highest obtained, 157; average, 78. Three passed, one—Giblin—

All the Candidates seem wonderfully deficient in clear fundamental conceptions, and rely too much on working examples by mere rule of thumb. In this subject Candidates are recommended to master thoroughly some such elementary treatise as Lodge's "Mechanics," in Chambers's series of Science Manuals, before attempting to present themselves for examination.

VIII. Pure Mathematics.—Presented by twenty-three Candidates. Seventeen passed,

nine with credit—viz., Giblin, Sullivan, Mary Hogg, Lavers, Edith Hurst, Douglas, Bradley, Halcomb, and Cruickshank; six failed. Full marks, 1000; highest obtained, 870; average, 399.

These results are very satisfactory, and especially so in the case of the girls, four of whom passed, and two with credit. The Arithmetic was by far the best, the Euclid came next, and the Algebra was simply a collapse. Candidates should remember that to ensure good Algebra results the one "necessary and sufficient condition" is a thorough knowledge of factors. One boy— Giblin—deserves great praise for the thoroughness of his knowledge and the originality of his

IX. Chemistry.—Presented by seven Candidates. Six passed, one—Giblin—with credit;

one failed. Full marks, 250; highest obtained, 205; average, 103.

The papers of one Candidate—Giblin—were excellent, and threw all the others into the shade. In most of the papers there was a lack of definiteness, and the numerical problems produced the heaviest failure, there being only two correct answers out of fourteen.

X. ZOOLOGY AND BOTANY.—Presented by three Candidates. All passed, and all with

Full marks, 250; highest obtained, 158; average, 149. credit.

These papers were decidedly good, and, as a set, were the best Natural Science results. It is to be regretted that the three Candidates—all girls—did not succeed in passing in other subjects, and so lost the benefit of their good work in this.

XI. Physical Geography and Geology.—Presented by eight Candidates. Six passed, two—Mary Hogg and Douglas—with credit. Two failed. Full marks, 250; highest obtained,

143; average, 86.

The results were satisfactory, although three out of the eight Candidates merely presented themselves at the last moment, in order to attempt the Physical Geography. Two out of these three passed, and that because they were the only two Candidates out of the whole eight who seemed to know what the "Nebular Hypothesis" was. In Geology, as in all the rest of the science work, the Examiner has to complain of diffuse inaccuracy, where the answer should be clear, definite, and concise. Candidates seem to think that if they do not know the right answer to a question, the best thing to do is to write all round the question, in the hope that by this kind of drag-net they may gain some marks. This, however, may be to a great extent prevented by the Examiners increasing the number of questions, while decreasing the possible limits of answers. XII. Drawing.—Presented by nine Candidates. All passed, three—Beatrice Barnard, Giblin, and Hodgman—with credit. Full marks, 250; highest obtained, 200; average, 153.

The Freehand Drawing was very satisfactory, and the Perspective shows a very decided improvement upon that of last year, Beatrice Barnard distinguishing herself in the former, and Giblin in the latter branch of the subject. The drawing from models was not so satisfactory.

XIII. Music.—Presented by ten Candidates. Eight passed, two—Mary Hogg and Beatrice Ayton—with credit; two failed. Full marks, 400; highest obtained, 340; average, 173. The work submitted shows, in many instances, an improvement upon the work of former years.

Of the twenty-three Candidates this year five only failed, one of them the youngest Candidate competing.

The Examiners are of opinion that the standard of proficiency, especially in Modern Languages, is steadily rising. Three years ago, when the Examiners who now report to you last conducted the bulk of this examination, out of twelve Candidates ten passed—almost the same proportion; but the ten who passed were thus distributed: 4 First, 1 Second, and 5 Third Classes. This year we have, out of our eighteen who passed, 8 Firsts, 6 Seconds, and only 4 Thirds—a very marked improvement in the average work; while as regards the best Candidate, the average of the eight in the First Class this year shows 3017 as against 2767, the average of the four in 1886. The number entered and the number obtaining the Degree have only once been exceeded, in 1879, when, out of twenty-five Candidates, twenty-two passed; and the marks obtained by the Senior Associate have been only once exceeded since 1872, namely, in 1880, when they were 4069 as against 3730 this year: but it is fair to note that Allport, the senior in 1880, had nine subjects against Giblin's eight. The Examiners therefore feel that of the examination as a whole they are bound to report very favourably to the Council of Education.

The Prizes which, by the Council's Regulations, must be awarded, are:-

The Council's Gold Medal	L. F. Giblin.
The Council's Silver Medal	Mary Hogg.
First Prize for English	L. F. Giblin.
First Prize for Latin	N. Lavers.
First Prize for Greek	N. Lavers.
First Prize for French	Mary Hogg.
First Prize for German	Mary Hogg.
First Prize for Mathematics	L. F. Giblin.

The following Prizes which, by the Council's Regulations, are left to the discretion of the Examiners, have been thus awarded:—

Second Prize for English	W. Hodgman.
Second Prize for Latin	L. F. Giblin.
Second Prize for Greek	L. F. Giblin.
Second Prize for French	N. Lavers.
Second Prize for German	G. W. Halcomb.
Second Prize for Mathematics	F. B. Sullivan.
Prize for Natural Philosophy	L. F. Giblin.
Prize for Chemistry	
Prize for Geology	Mary Hogg.
Prize for Geology	L. F. Giblin.
Prize for Music	Mary Hogg.

For the Examiners,

M. H. 1RVING, Examiner-in-Chief.

GENERAL CLASS LIST.

FIRST CLASS.

NO.	NAME.	A GE		MARKS.	AWARDS.
. 1	Giblin, L. F	yrs.	mths.	3730	Council's Gold Medal. First Prize English. First Prize Mathematics. Second Prize Latin. Second Prize Greek. Prize for Natural Philosophy. Prize for Chemistry. Prize for Drawing. Council's Silver Medal.
2	Hogg, Mary	17	2	3392	First Prize French. First Prize German. Prize for Geology. Prize for Music.
3	Sullivan, F. V	17	7	2983	Second Prize Mathematics. (First Prize Latin.
4	Lavers, N	16	5	2980	First Prize Greek. Second Prize French.
5 6 7 8	Hodgman, WBradley, AHurst, Edith RHalcomb, G. W	17 16 17 18	8 7 10	2967 2742 2689 2649	Second Prize English. Second Prize German.
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9 10 11 12 13 14	Scott, M. C	17 18 17 17	3 8 1 3 11 1	2262 2164 2145 2100 2063 1979	
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15 16 17 18	Fox, C. J	17 18 18 18	3 1 9 5	1734 1640 1430 1356	

For the Examiners,

M. H. 1RVING.

Hobart, 12th June, 1889.

SPECIAL CLASS LIST.

English.	Latin.	Greek.	French.	German.	Italian.	Mathematics.	Natural Philosophy.	Chemistry.	Geology.	Drawing.	Music.
FIRST CLASS.	FIRST CLASS.	FIRST CLASS.	FIRST CLASS.	FIRST CLASS.	FIRST CLASS.	FIRST CLASS.	FIRST CLASS.	FIRST CLASS.	FIRST CLASS.	FIRST CLASS.	FIRST CLASS.
Giblin Hodgman Hogg, Mary	Lavers Giblin	Lavers Giblin Hodgman	Hogg, Mary Lavers Hurst, Edith Ayton, Beatrice Scott Giblin Bradley Fox Hodgman	Hogg, Mary Halcomb Roberts, Florence		Giblin Sullivan Hogg, Mary Lavers Hurst, Edith Douglas Bradley Halcomb Cruickshank	Giblin	Giblin	Hogg, Mary Douglas	Giblin Hodgman	Hogg, Mary Ayton, Beatrice
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Perkins, Augusta Douglas { Sullivan } Hurst, Edith Scott Ayton, Beatrice Roberts, Florence Bradley Lavers Heathorn, Minnie Walch Halcomb Fox Smith Cruickshank	Hogg, Mary Hodgman Bradley Sullivan Scott Halcomb Douglas Fox Walch }	Sullivan Bradley Halcomb Walch Smith	Roberts, Florence Sullivan Walch Perkins, Augusta Cruickshank Douglas Smith Heathorn, Minnie	Ayton, Beatrice Hurst, Edith Perkins, Augusta	Heathorn, Minnie		Lavers Hodgman Cruickshank	Lavers Bradley Sullivan Hodgman Smith	Sullivan Smith Ayton, Bea- trice Hurst, Edith	Heathorn, Minnie Bradley Halcomb Perkins, Augusta Scott Roberts, Florence	Cruickshank Hurst, Edith Scott Halcomb Perkins,

For the Examiners,

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TABLE OF MARKS.

No.	NAME.	DATE OF BIRTH.	SCHOOL.	TEACHER. [Maximum No. of Marks	OOII English.	00 Latin.	O Greek.	9 French.	9 German.	9 Italian.	Pure Mathe- matics.	Natural Philosophy.	Chemistry.	Zoology and Botany.	Geology.	Drawing.	Music.	TOTAL.	CLASS.
1	Giblin, Lyndhurst	29 Nov., 1872	Hutchins'	Rev. J. V. Buckland,	790c	536c	560c	417c			870c	157c	205c			195c		3730	First
2 3	Hogg, Mary Sullivan, Francis Vincent	16 Mar., 1872 24 Oct., 1871	Private Church Grammar, Launceston	B.A. Miss Hogg Rev. A. H. Champion, M.A.	731 <i>c</i> 661	50 7 48 7	<u> </u>	455 <i>c</i> 365	463 <i>c</i>	1 1	753c 760c	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	_ _	143 <i>c</i> 117	_	340 <i>c</i> —	3392 2983	First First
4 5	Lavers, Norman Hodgman, Wilfred	11 Dec., 1872 25 Sept., 1871	Horton College Christ's College	W.W. Fox, Esq., B.A. Rev. P. E. Raynor, M.A.	567 735 <i>c</i>	543c 505	567 <i>c</i> 549 <i>c</i>	$\begin{array}{c} 449c \\ 378c \end{array}$		_	665 <i>c</i> 453	82 80	107 82	_ ~	:- -	— 185 <i>c</i>		2980 296 7	First First
6	Bradley, Alexander	7 Sept., 1872	Hutchins'	Rev. J. V. Buckland, B.A.	574	504	483	396 <i>c</i>	_	_	540c		95	_	-	150.	<u></u>	2742	First
7	Hurst, Edith Rhoda	28 Oct., 1871	Ladies College	Miss Hammond,	637	384	_	445c	348		585c	_			80	_	210	2689	First
8	Halcomb, Guy Worthing-	9 July, 1870	Officer College,	Principal G. A. MacMillan,	552	435	471	_	408c	_	503 <i>c</i>		-	<u> </u>	_	140	140	2649	First
9	Scott, Michael Charles	22 Feb., 1872	Hutchins'	Esq., B.A. Rev. J. V. Buckland, B.A.	612	470	·	420c	_	_	440			-	_	. 115	205	2262	Second
10	Walch, Horace Man Crosby	7 Sept., 1871	Hutchins'	Rev. J. V. Buckland, B.A.	554	417	443	362	_		388				n.p.			2164	Second
11	Smith, Philip Douglas	23 Apr., 1871	Church Grammar, Launceston	Rev. A. H. Champion,	540	320	344	333	-		418		80	_	110	-	-	2145	Second
12	Douglas, Alfred Jamieson	4 Feb., 1872	Church Grammar, Launceston	Rev. A. H. Champion, M.A.	661	425	_	342		—	547c	n.p.	n.p.		125c	_	_]	2100	Second
13	Cruickshank, Álexander Beaumont	9 June, 1871	Private	Col. Cruickshank H. C. Kingsmill,	524	394	n.p.	359		_	501 <i>c</i>	n.p.		_		-	220	1998	Second
14 15 16	Ayton, Beatrice Isabel Fox, Charles James Perkins, Augusta	5 Apr., 1872 10 Feb., 1872 19 Apr., 1871	Ladies' College Private Study Ladies' College	Esq., M.A. Miss Hammond Miss Hammond	601 550 676	417 n.p.		429 <i>c</i> 387 <i>c</i> 360	350 334	[] [253 380 n.p.				80 —	130	266c — 140	1979 1734 1640	Second Third Third
17	Roberts, Florence Isabel	15 Aug., 1870	Private Study {	G. A. MacMillan, Esq., B.A.	589	n.p.		366	375c		$\left \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ n.p. \end{array} \right $		_	_	_ [100	n.p.	1430	Third
18	Heathorn, Minnie	16 Dec., 1870	Private	Miss Laurie Miss Oldham	564	_	_	324	_	308	n.p.	_	_	· —	_	160	_	1356	Third
		Years of Age.	·		-														i .
	Wilson, Eliza Helen Hurst, Robert Covell	_	Private Private Study	Miss Hogg	777 <i>c</i> 441	424 409	$\overline{n.p.}$	433 467 <i>c</i>	393 <i>c</i>	_	408 300			_	135 <i>c</i> 114		290 <i>c</i>	2860 1 7 31	First Third

Note.—"c," passed with credit. "n.p.," not passed.

For the Examiners,

M. H. IRVING, M.A.

TASMANIAN SCHOLARSHIPS, 1889.

THE Council of Education has directed the publication of the names of the under-mentioned Candidates who have passed the Examination for the Tasmanian Scholarships to the satisfaction of the Examiners, and to whom Scholarships of the value of £200 per annum each have been awarded, tenable for four years from the 1st October next, subject to the conditions laid down by the Council's Regulations:—

Ernest John William Ireland, aged 19 years and 11 months, A.A. Degree, 1886. Pupil of Christ's College, Hobart.

CHARLES ALFRED Hogg, aged 19 years and 1 month, A.A. Degree, 1887. Pupil of Church Grammar School, Launceston.

The Report of the Examiners is annexed.

By Order of the Council,

GEO. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

Hobart, 14th June, 1889.

EXAMINERS' REPORT.

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE TASMANIAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION.

WE have the honour to report that the Examination for the Tasmanian Scholarships began on Monday, the 3rd, and ended on Tuesday, the 11th June.

Five Candidates presented themselves, all of whom qualified in Classics, and four in Mathematics.

Three obtained, in all, marks sufficient to qualify for a Scholarship.

The first on the list is Ernest John William Ireland, A.A., 1886, with 3317 marks; the second is Charles Alfred Hogg, A.A., 1887, with 3135 marks; and the third is James Bellord Waldron, A.A., 1888, with 2455 marks, out of a possible 5700. Ireland's work in Classics, Modern Languages, and Modern History was very satisfactory and even throughout. His papers were done in good style, and he showed thorough acquaintance with the prescribed work, and considerable power in doing the papers at sight. Hogg's work in Mathematics, though not absolutely very good, was very praiseworthy, considering the excessively wide field the Higher Mathematics are supposed to cover. His paper on Analytical Conic Sections was excellent, those on Classical and Modern Languages very fair, and his Modern History just equal to Ireland's. Waldron's work is promising, but his style is rather juvenile and unformed.

We have the honour to recommend-

Ernest John William Ireland, A.A. (1886), and Charles Alfred Hogg, A.A. (1887),

to the Council for election to the Scholarships for 1889.

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{M. H. IRVING, $M.A.$,} \\ \text{T. J. SMITH, $M.A.$,} \end{array} \} \textit{Examiners.}$

EXAMINATION for Tasmanian Scholarships, June, 1889.

TABLE OF MARKS.

	Full Manho	Mottoes.											
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Classics A. I.	250 300	155 118	137 178	174 212	137 133	165 148							
IV	250	112	130	165	110	136							
VI.	300	156	155	207	133	166							
II. & V	400	241	259	321	203	240							
Total	1500	782	859	1079	716	855							
Classics B. I	400			319	121	159							
II	400	•••		295	141	180							
III	350			228	109	133							
IV	350	•••		177	74	.90							
Total	1500		•••	1019	445	562							
MATHEMATICS A. I	350	157	273	133	76	152							
II	375	68	170	30	72	126							
III	375	125	215	160	95	120							
IV	400	105	121	150	30	93							
Total	1500	455	779	473	273	491							
MATHEMATICS B. I	350	25	240		ļ								
II	350	30	295										
III	400	10	185			•••							
IV	400	80	120	•••		•••							
Total	1500	145	840			•••							
Modern History	400	160	255	255	130	165							
Modern Languages:—													
English	400	124	186	250	91	194							
French	400	164	216	241	78	188							
Total ·	800	288	402	491	169	382							
GRAND TOTAL	5700	1830	3135	3317	1733	2455							

For the Examiners,

M. H. IRVING, M.A.

COUNCIL OF EDUCATION EXHIBITIONS.

THE Council of Education has directed the publication of the following Report of the Examiners appointed to conduct the Examination of Candidates for Exhibitions.

The Council has decided, on the recommendation of the Examiners, to award to-

MAUDE ETHEL LEGGETT, HENRY SHERWIN HURST, MARY FRANCES XAVIER M'MAHON, TASMAN JOHN GEORGE WILSON, ALFRED BERTRAM SOLTAU.

each an Exhibition of the value of £20 per annum, tenable for four years from the 1st proximo, subject to the conditions laid down in the Council's Regulations dated 18th April, 1888.

By Order of the Council,

GEO. RICHARDSON, Secretary.

Hobart, 14th June, 1889.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINERS.

WE have the honor to present to the Council of Education the Report of the Twenty-ninth Annual Examination for Exhibitions.

Twenty-four candidates, of whom nine were girls, presented themselves for examination. Only one candidate failed in the preliminary examination. Of the rest, thirteen were examined in Hobart, and ten in Launceston, where Mr. E. G. Allport, B.A., undertook the supervision.

We lay before the Council the following remarks on the work done in the several subjects.

English.—The work of Maude Leggett and Soltau, who gained four-fifths and over of full marks, was excellent; and that of Mary Wellard, Mary M'Mahon, and Featonby calls for especial mention. A word of special praise must be given to Lily Proctor and Soltau for their composition. The general results in this subject are very satisfactory, an average of nearly sixty-five per cent. being obtained all through.

French.—In this subject the translations were the least satisfactory part of the work; but it is very difficult for any who are not thoroughly proficient in a language to translate it at sight without the help of grammar or dictionary. The largest share of the marks have, accordingly, been allotted to the grammatical questions. These were answered very well by Mary M'Mahon, Soltau, and Maude Leggett, and very creditably by Hurst, Wilson, and Winifred Crofton.

Latin.—Mary M'Mahon sent up an admirable paper in this subject, gaining 129 marks out of a possible 150. She is closely followed by Hurst and Wilson. Six others obtained over two-thirds of full marks, and, in all, 13 candidates obtained over half marks. This result, though satisfactory, is not so good as that of last year, and shows that the grammar has not been so well learned. Mary M'Mahon, Hurst, and Wilson sent up very fair translations, and very creditable attempts at turning short sentences into Latin.

German.—The same remarks apply to this subject as to French. The translations were the weakest part of the work; but the grammatical questions were very well answered by Maude Leggett, Mary M'Mahon, and Winifred Crofton, and creditably by Mary Wellard. Some of the candidates were very weak. One little girl subjoined to her answers a plaintive plea for indulgence—"I have not done good papers this time, because I am only ten years old; I will do better next year." For a child of her age her work was not at all bad, and we have no doubt that her promises of improvement will be fulfilled if she is permitted to go in another year.

Greek.—Thirteen candidates took up this subject, of whom Hurst and Herring did by far the best. Their grammar and translation were certainly good. Crisp, who gained over half marks,

also showed a very creditable knowledge of the grammar. One or two others showed some knowledge of the grammar, and the less said of the other work the better. As in Latin, the general results show this year that the grammar has not been so well learned as last year. By far the largest proportion of the marks must be apportioned to the grammar questions in this subject, and unless that is known the marks gained must be very few.

Euclid.—In this subject Hurst, Soltau, Wilson, and Mary M'Mahon have passed excellent examinations. Hurst fell short by four marks only of the total number attainable, and only failed in the latter part of the ninth question. Maude Leggett and M'Villy have also done very well Seven others have gained more than half marks.

Arithmetic.—This paper was intentionally made harder than that of last year; but the high marks obtained by all the successful candidates, and by several of the others, are sufficient evidence that the questions were not unduly difficult. Maude Leggett, Featonby, M'Creary, and Wilson passed excellent examinations, while no less than six others gained more than two-thirds of the possible maximum. Maude Leggett came only seven marks short of the full marks assigned to this subject.

Algebra.—In this subject Hurst and Maude Leggett sent up excellent work. Featonby, Wilson, Winifred Crofton, and Mary M'Mahon also sent up good work, and besides these only two others succeeded in getting half marks. Although the work of one or two individuals is better than that of the best of last year's candidates, the general work contrasts unfavourably with last year's work, there being more signal failures this year. Several candidates lost marks through showing results only without work, an omission which must be discountenanced in this subject, since in several papers it was evident that the answer had been obtained elsewhere, and the work manipulated to fit in with it.

Geography.—Hurst sent up admirable work in this subject, and Wilson's work was but very little inferior. Twelve candidates in all obtained two-thirds of full marks, and only six failed in obtaining half marks. The work in this subject compares most favourably with that of last year. In our opinion there is scope for a little more Physical Geography than the Council's scheme seems to warrant.

History.—This subject is divided into two sections, English and Scripture History. The answering in both was for the most part rather weak. Hurst, Mary M'Mahon, M'Creary, and Maude Leggett did creditably in English History, while Soltan and Maude Leggett did really well in Scripture History. In the aggregate, Maude Leggett stands at the head of the list, closely followed by Hurst.

The results of the Examination are, as shown in the annexed Table of Marks, certainly satisfactory, and compare favorably with the results of 1886 and 1887, although they suffer in comparison with those of last year. Besides the successful candidates, three others have well deserved success, and, in all, 12 candidates have gained over half-marks. The work of the successful candidates this year is of a higher order than that of last year's Exhibitioners, but after them the intervals separating successive candidates are wider.

We desire to call especial attention to the fact that this is the first year in which a girl has stood at the head of the list, and also the first occasion on which two girls have gained Exhibitions. Maude Leggett and Mary M'Mahon are to be congratulated for the excellent work they have done.

We recommend that the minimum number of marks for an Exhibition be again fixed at 600.

We beg to recommend that Exhibitions be awarded to Maude Leggett, Hurst, Mary M'Mahon, Wilson, and Soltau.

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TABLE OF MARKS.

No.	NAME.	DATE OF BIRTH.	school.	English.	French.	Latin.	Greek,	German.	Arithmetic.	Algebra.	Euclid.	Geography.	History.	TOTAL.
•			[Maximum No. of Marks.	150	150	150	10) o	150	100	100	150	150	1200
1 2	Maude Ethel Leggett Henry Sherwin Hurst	5 Mar., 1876 1 Mar., 1876	ceston Mr. A. A. Stephens',	ŀ			 79		143 121	89 90		123 126	109 105	988 966
3	Mary F. Xavier M'Mahon	7 Mar., 1877		115	132	129		76	122	76	90	106	87	933
4	Tasman John George Wil-	24 Jan., 1876	Launceston High School, Laun-	106	109	125	38		129	77	90	108	89	871
5	son Alfred Bertram Soltau	21 Mar., 1876		120	127	103	43		110	50	94	106	91	844
6	William George Featonby	7 Mar., 1876	ceston St. Francis Xavier's,	114	74	82	28		133	84	71	105	68	759
7	Winifred Mary Agnes Crofton	14 Feb., 1876	Launceston Presentation Convent, Launceston	105	100	113	٠.	70	95	77	71	71	54	.756
8	Alfred Thomas Herring	17 July, 1875	Christ's College	110	94	101	71		108	23	51	91	49	698
9	Colin M'Creary	11 Aug., 1875	Hutchins School	101	50	61	35		133	51	41	103	83	658
10	Lily Blanche Proctor	27 Jan., 1876	Ladies' College	107	89	81		35	.63	32	63	106	77	653
11	Henry R. T. M'Villy	27 Nov., 1875	Hutchins School	91	53	91	46	••	71	27	78	107	67	631
12	Harry Hawkins	5 July, 1875	Officer College	101	81	103			61	30	69	100	57	602
13	William H. M. Gill	15 May, 1876	Officer College	89	83	84	25	••	63	33	53	96	69	595
14	Mary Winifred Wellard	8 Oct., 1875	Methodist Ladies' College, Launceston	116	41	38		60	104	11	19	94	64	547
15	James Archie Crisp	17 Feb., 1876	Christ's College	80	56	105	61		48	38	33	72	32	525
16	Eric D. B. Hortin	12 June, 1875	Hutchins School	75	41	44	21	••	80	55	35	109	41	501
17	Richard Percival Smith	20 July, 1876	Christ's College	77	49	55	47.		76	2	34	100	42	482
18	Lillie O'Brien	28 Nov., 1877	Presentation Convent, Launceston	80	46	32		35	100	21	11	74	45	444