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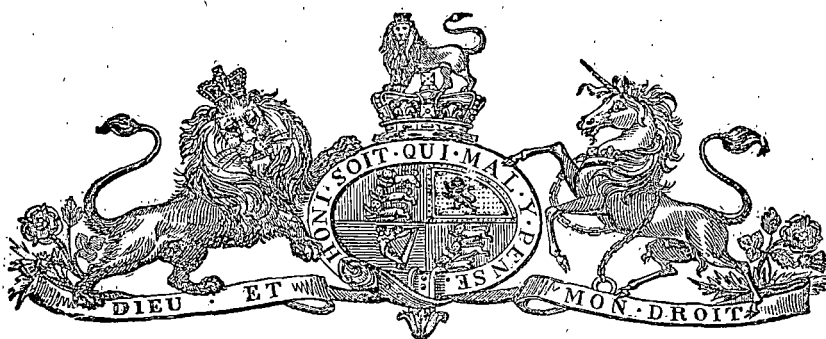
TASMANIA.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TASMANIAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION.

REPORT FOR 1867-8.

Laid upon the Table by Sir R. Dry, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
July 28, 1868.



ANNUAL REPORT of the TASMANIAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION for the Year 1867-8.

To His Excellency Colonel THOMAS GORE BROWNE, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of Tasmania and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

1. IN conformity with the provisions of "The Tasmanian Council of Education and Scholarship Act," we beg leave to submit this our Eighth Report embracing the proceedings of the Council between the 1st May, 1867, and the 30th April, 1868.

22 Vict. No. 21.
Section 30.

2. We caused an Examination to be held in the month of June, 1867, of Candidates for Exhibitions to Superior Schools; and on the recommendation of the Examiners we awarded Exhibitions, each of the value of £20, to Douglas Edward Stewart, Horton College, Ross, and Charles Henry Creswell, Collegiate School, Hobart Town.

Exhibitions to
Superior
Schools,
Gazette
Notice, 2 July,
1867.

The Examiners in closing their Report observe:—"This Examination presents some noteworthy features. The number of boys examined is much larger than at the two last Examinations. Five Schools in various places were represented, whereas last year the boys examined were from the High School or Hutchins School only. These circumstances show that the rivalry stimulated by this Examination is extended throughout the country, and that the influence exercised by it is wide as well as deep.

"The attainments of the foremost boy this year exceed those of the most successful competitor at any former examination, and reflect great credit on the establishment to which he owes his training. We regard this circumstance as the most gratifying feature of this year's Examination. Our satisfaction is qualified by the consideration that the attainments of the other competitors, though they are in advance of the work of last year, are a little inferior to those of the boys who competed in several preceding years. But, comparing the present attainments of competitors with the results obtained when the Exhibitions were first established, we believe that better books are now used in Tasmanian Schools, and that boys are taught, and learn, more diligently and more accurately than was the case in former years. A few Schools, and those the most important ones, are affected directly by the stimulus continually afforded, and the general work of Education throughout the whole community is indirectly promoted in no slight degree."

3. The Eighth Examination for the Degree of Associate of Arts was held in September, 1867, Professor Irving, M.A., undertaking the Examination in all the subjects except Drawing, which was confided to H. Hunter, Esq., and Geology, which was undertaken by the Bishop of Tasmania. For the Preliminary Examination eleven Candidates presented themselves, of whom one only was rejected. All the other Candidates obtained the Degree, four being placed in the First Class, three in the Second, and two in the Third. One Candidate obtained a sufficient number of marks to qualify him for a First Class, but, being above the age of nineteen, was not allowed to compete with the others. Accordingly the Degree was conferred upon him without further distinction. The Council's Gold Medal was awarded to Richard Lyons Home, who also obtained the First Prize in Latin, and the First Prize in French; Edward Henry Butler, placed in the First Class, was awarded the First Prize in Mathematics; Reginald Crawford Boyd, in the First Class, obtained the Second Prize in French; and John Vansittart Buckland, in the First Class, was awarded the First Prize in Greek. A Prize in Natural Philosophy was awarded to Charles Henry Huxtable, and a Prize in Geology to Charles Edward Barnard.

Degree of A.A.
Gazette
Notice, 24th
September,
1867.

The Examiners remark, "that the number of Candidates who presented themselves is very slightly above the average of preceding years; the proportion rejected at the preliminary slightly below it. All who were admitted to Examination passed, in previous years only about 3 out of 4 having achieved success; the number of firsts and seconds is above the proportion of past examinations; that of third classes below it; and the average of marks obtained by those who passed, somewhat above the average hitherto maintained.

"The results of these comparisons are without exception encouraging. Most of all is it gratifying to note that for the third year in succession none of those who passed the preliminary failed to obtain the Degree. This seems to prove that both pupils and their teachers better appreciate the task which lies before competitors for the Degree, and are making better preparation for it.

"Indeed, the Examination throughout has proved this. Save in Mathematics, there is little fault to be found with the sufficiency of the knowledge of the Candidates. What is wanting is greater practical skill and readiness in the application of that knowledge: greater precision and accuracy, and more judgment in answering questions generally. All these are to be acquired only by systematic paper-work, carefully revised.

"It is well to advert to this point, for in this direction it is that improvement must be made by any of those who, obtaining the Degree this year, may hereafter become Candidates for the Scholarship. Difficulty they will have none in mastering the work before them; they must think now not of the 'how much' they can learn, as the 'how' they can reproduce and apply their knowledge."

Tasmanian
Scholarships.
Gazette
Notice, 24th
September,
1867.

4. Five Candidates presented themselves for the Tasmanian Scholarship. It was awarded to George Frederick Archer, an Associate of Arts in 1865. He has since proceeded to England to enter on his studies at Christ's College, Cambridge.

Professor Irving reports that another Candidate very nearly equalled the successful Candidate in number of marks, and attained far above the minimum number of marks required in the total, but failed to reach the minimum of 900 in Classics, or 750 in Mathematics.

Latin Verse
Composition.

5. On the recommendation of the Examiners we awarded a Prize of Books of the value of Five Pounds for Latin Verse Composition to George Frederick Archer, Tasmanian Scholar.

Tasmanian
Scholars.

6. We have received satisfactory accounts of the progress of the Tasmanian Scholars. Mr. W. Knight (Trinity College, Cambridge) has been placed in the First Class in every College Examination since he entered: he took his B.A. Degree last January, having obtained the seventh place in the list of Senior Optimes in the Mathematical Tripos. He has since obtained a place in the Second Class in the Classical Tripos.

Associates of
Arts.

7. Mr. F. B. Sharland, who took the A. A. Degree in 1864, has entered at King's College, Cambridge; and Mr. A. G. Gatenby, who took it in 1865, has proceeded to St. John's College, Cambridge. We have information that Mr. Seymour J. Bennett, who obtained an A.A. Degree in 1865, has successfully passed the Civil Service Examination in England, and received an appointment in the Inland Revenue Office. Out of ten Candidates he attained the first position.

Vacancies in
Council.

8. We have sustained a loss in the Members of the Council by the decease of Mr. Maxwell Miller, and by the retirement of Mr. T. Macdowell and the Rev. F. W. Quilter. Their places have been supplied by Sir Richard Dry, Mr. J. A. Dunn, and the Rev. F. Hudspeth.

Financial
Statement.

9. We submit a Statement of the Disbursements of the Council between the 1st January and the 31st December, 1867, the termination of the Financial year; together with a Supplementary Statement of Expenditure between the 1st January and the 30th April, 1868. Our payments under every head for the year 1867 amounted to £1226 3s. 11d., in addition to which there is an outstanding claim to the value of £14 1s. 0d. in course of payment, making the total expenditure £1240 4s. 11d., being £39 18s. 3d. in excess of the amount voted by Parliament.

W. NAIRN, *President.*

Hobart Town, 7th May, 1868.

TASMANIAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION.

APPENDIX I.

ABSTRACT of EXPENDITURE from 1st January to 31st December, 1867, including Sums exhibited in Supplementary Statement of Expenditure to 30th April, 1867.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
ADMINISTRATION.									
Secretary's Salary	—		60	0	0				
Books and Stationery	—		0	5	9				
Printing and Advertising	—		1	11	6				
							61	17	3
DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF ARTS.									
Examiners' Fees; viz.—									
Professor Irving	90	0	0						
Henry Hunter, Esq.	5	0	0						
				95	0	0			
One Gold Medal (R. L. Home, Senior Associate)	—		10	0	0				
Books for distribution as Prizes	—		9	0	0				
Incidental Charges, Attendants, &c.	—		12	0	0				
							126	0	0
TASMANIAN SCHOLARSHIPS.									
Mr. C. Hope	—		83	6	8				
Mr. A. Garrett	—		83	6	8				
Mr. W. Knight	—		200	0	0				
Mr. C. Hogg	—		200	0	0				
Mr. H. A. Perkins	—		116	13	4				
							683	6	8
EXHIBITIONS TO SUPERIOR SCHOOLS.									
J. Snowden, Exhibitioner of 1863	—		25	0	0				
J. V. Buckland, ditto 1864	—		50	0	0				
E. Hughes, ditto 1864	—		50	0	0				
H. B. Leach, ditto 1865	—		50	0	0				
W. F. Barrett, ditto 1865	—		50	0	0				
C. R. Buckland, ditto 1866	—		50	0	0				
S. E. Innes, ditto 1866	—		50	0	0				
D. E. Stewart, ditto 1867	—		10	0	0				
C. H. Creswell, ditto 1867	—		10	0	0				
							345	0	0
Examiners' Fees :—									
Rev. A. Davenport	5	0	0						
Rev. F. Hudspeth	5	0	0						
				10	0	0	10	0	0
							£1226	3	11

GEO. RICHARDSON, *Secretary to the Council.*

Examined,
E. J. MANLEY, *Colonial Auditor.*

APPENDIX II.

Supplementary Statement of DISBURSEMENTS for the period from 1st January to 30th April, 1868, inclusive.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
ADMINISTRATION.						
Secretary's Salary to 30th April	—		20	0	0	
EXHIBITIONS TO SUPERIOR SCHOOLS.						
Exhibitions to 30th April :—						
Edwin Hughes, Exhibitioner of 1864	12	10	0			
H. B. Leach, ditto 1865	12	10	0			
W. F. Barrett, ditto 1865	12	10	0			
C. R. Buckland, ditto 1866	12	10	0			
S. E. Innes, ditto 1866	12	10	0			
D. E. Stewart, ditto 1867	5	0	0			
C. H. Creswell, ditto 1867	5	0	0			
				72	10	0
				£92	10	0

GEO. RICHARDSON, *Secretary to the Council.*

Examined,
E. J. MANLEY, *Colonial Auditor.*

JAMES BARNARD,
GOVERNMENT PRINTER, TASMANIA.