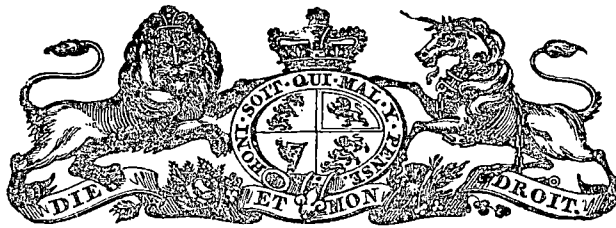


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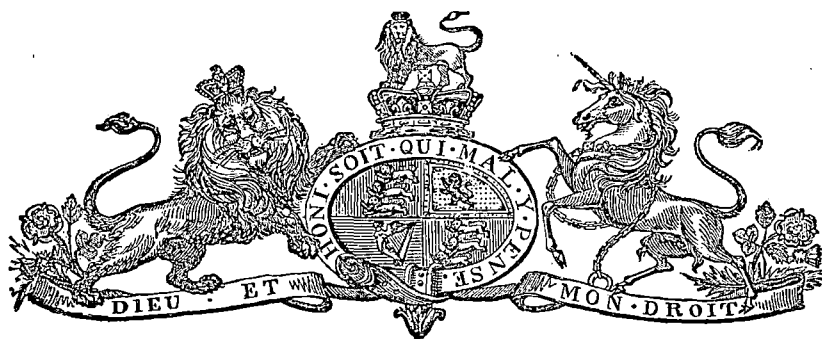
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COUNCIL OF EDUCATION.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL, 1862.

Laid on the Table by Mr. Henty, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
22 July, 1862.



*Tasmanian Council of Education,
Hobart Town, 31st May, 1862.*

*To His Excellency Colonel THOMAS GORE BROWNE, C.B., Captain-General
and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Tasmania and its Dependencies.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

SIR,

1. IN conformity with the provisions of "The Tasmanian Council of Education and Scholarship Act," we beg to leave to submit to Your Excellency this our Second Report, embracing the proceedings of the Council between the 1st of May, 1861, and the 30th April, 1862. 22 Vict. No. 21, Sec. 30.

2. We caused an Examination to be held in the month of June, 1861, of Candidates for Exhibitions to Superior Schools; and, on the recommendation of F. H. Henslowe, Esq., Rev. Arthur Davenport, and J. J. Stutzer, Esq., the Examiners, we awarded, out of the sum placed at our disposal by Parliament for this purpose, two Exhibitions of the value of £50 each, to Charles Hogg, Pupil of Mr. Ireland, Chalmers' School, Hobart Town, and William Robert Carter, Pupil of Rev. J. R. Buckland, Hutchins School, Hobart Town. The Report of the Examiners noticed that the contest for these Exhibitions was maintained with considerable energy, and that the papers shewed a marked improvement over those of the preceding year. Twenty-one competitors presented themselves for Examination. Exhibitions to Superior Schools. Appendix VII.

3. The Second Examination for the Degree of Associate of Arts was held in September, 1861. Twelve Candidates presented themselves for Examination; of whom eight were admitted to the Degree, two being placed in the First Class, two in the Second, and four in the Third Class. The Council's Certificate of Merit was awarded to one Candidate who was unsuccessful in obtaining the Degree. Three Candidates were rejected; two of these failed to pass the preliminary Examination. Second Examination for Degree of Associate of Arts. Appendix VIII.

4. Gold Medals were awarded to William Knight for Latin, and to William Riggall for Greek; and Second Prizes, each of the value of £5, were distributed as follows:—William Riggall for Latin, William Riggall for English, Peter J. Douglas for English, Peter J. Douglas for French, James Hamilton for Geology.

5. The Examiners, in their Report, observe that the result of this Examination was on the whole more satisfactory than that of the preceding year. Appendix VIII.

6. The regulations under which the above Examination for the Degree of Associate of Arts was conducted differed in no respect from those of 1860. In arranging the scheme of Examination for the year 1863, we have deemed it, however, advisable to revise the Rules having reference to the award of Medals and Prizes, as follows:— Appendix V.

(1.) The Council's Gold Medal, of the value of Ten Pounds, will be awarded to the Senior Associate, provided he be placed by the Examiners in the First Class of Associates of Arts.

(2.) Books to the value of Ten Pounds will be awarded as the First Prize in Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to the Candidate who most distinguishes himself in each of those subjects, provided he be placed by the Examiners in the First Class of the Associates of Arts.

(3.) Books to the value of Five Pounds will be awarded as the Second Prize for each of the above-named Subjects, at the discretion of the Examiners.

(4.) Prizes of the value of £5 each will, at the discretion of the Examiners, be awarded to the Candidates who most distinguish themselves in Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, provided their names appear in the Class List of those recommended for the Degree.

(5.) In the event of any Candidate being specially recommended by the Examiners as displaying a *very* high order of proficiency in English, Greek, Latin, or Mathematics, the Council will be prepared to award their Gold Medal to such Candidate.

First Examination for the Tasmanian Scholarships. Appendix ix.

7. In the same month the First Examination for the Tasmanian Scholarships was held. Two Candidates presented themselves, but as neither of them attained the standard of proficiency fixed by the Council, no Scholarship was awarded. We append the Report of the Examiners.

8. This result, however much to be regretted, is one which, looking to the means of instruction within the reach of the Candidates, could not occasion surprise; and we venture to predict that the faithfulness with which the Examiners discharged the high trust reposed in them will eventually be found to have had a beneficial effect on the cause of Education, while carrying out in the most effective manner the views of the Legislature in establishing these great prizes. But this result has pressed upon us, with renewed force, the conviction that, in order to make generally available the advantages so wisely provided by the Scholarship Act, it is most desirable that the system of Education, the foundation of which has been so liberally laid in this Colony, be extended and completed.

9. That system at present affords the means to every parent desirous of availing himself of it, of providing for his children a good sound primary Education. Next, the Exhibitions to Superiors Schools open up a road by which boys of distinguished abilities may without expense to their parents, prosecute their studies during those years of early youth which were formerly, of necessity, devoted to occupations by which the daily wants of life must be supplied. And again, the Tasmanian Scholarships, provide means for rendering native talent ultimately available to the Colony by the higher cultivation to be obtained in Europe. There is, however, a period when the deserving Exhibitioner, after having exhausted the aid afforded to him in his School studies, and having attained the Degree of Associate of Arts, would enter upon that higher course of learning which would qualify him to compete for a Scholarship; but here he is left to his own resources: while on the one hand he may not be in circumstances to admit of his devoting those years to study unaided, on the other he is at a loss for Instructors at liberty to confine their labours to this higher course of education, and the practical effect of this want would be to exclude many from the full benefits held out by the Scholarship Act,—a result, in our opinion, opposed to the views of the Legislature in passing this Act. This gap ought to be filled up; some aid ought to be afforded to those who may have proved themselves worthy of it, for supplying the missing link in the chain of their educational course. With a view to assist Your Excellency in your deliberations upon this most important subject, we beg to lay before you the Report of a Commission appointed in 1860 to inquire into the whole subject of Education, including a proposal for the establishment of a Collegiate Institution; and an Address presented by this Council to your Excellency's predecessor in October last, urging the same question upon the attention of His Excellency.

Parl. Paper, H.A., 1860, No. 28.

Parl. Paper, H.A., 1861, No. 124.

10. Taking into consideration the difficulty of obtaining in this Colony suitable works for distribution as prizes, we deputed a Sub-Committee of the Council to prepare a list of books, and, on their recommendation, commissioned Messrs. Walch & Sons to obtain the same through their London Agents. The order has been executed to our satisfaction,

at an outlay of £105 1s. 6d., and we are now therefore in a position to issue the prizes at the Annual Meeting, which hitherto we have not been able to accomplish.

11. We caused forms for the Certificate of the Degree of Associate of Arts and of the Certificate of Merit to be engraved, and have issued the Certificates due to the successful Candidates of 1860 and 1861.

12. The continued delay in the receipt of the Council's Gold Medal has been the occasion of much inconvenience to ourselves, and of disappointment to the Associates to whom they have been awarded. We are, however, in the receipt of advices from Mr. Wyon, from which we are led to expect that the Medals will reach the Colony within three months from the present date, at latest.

13. We have recently addressed a communication to the Registrar of the General Council of Medical Education, London, requesting that the Degree of Associate of Arts granted by this Council be recognised by the Council of Medical Education among the educational bodies mentioned in their last Annual Report. The recognition of our claim will prove advantageous to the interests of those Associates of Arts who are now pursuing, or who may hereafter pursue, the study of Medicine in this Colony.

14. With a view to encourage a taste for Latin Verse Composition, a subject hitherto greatly neglected in the Schools of the Colony, we have resolved to establish a prize of the value of £5, to be competed for by youths under the age of eighteen, and have appointed a Sub-Committee of the Council to determine the subject for the prize and to frame regulations to insure its being fairly awarded for *bonâ fide* original compositions. It is proposed to make the award in August 1863.

15. A vacancy having been created in the Council by the retirement of the Reverend George Clarke, we have elected Thomas J. Knight, Esquire, Q.C., to supply his place.

16 We submit a statement of the disbursements of the Council between the 1st of January and the 31st December, 1861, the termination of the financial year; together with a supplementary statement of payments between the 1st of January and the 30th April, 1862. A considerable increase will be observed between the expenditure of 1861 as compared with that of 1860, occasioned by the circumstance that the prizes awarded by us in 1860 were not ready for issue in that year, and by the necessity which was imposed upon us of having prizes on hand available for the service of the current year. We were likewise subject to extraordinary payments on account of office furniture, engraving; &c.; charges which are not likely to recur.

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17. We would, in conclusion, draw your Excellency's attention to the economical working of a system which is already conferring such important advantages upon the Colony, and is likely to prove of such essential benefit to its future highest social and moral interests.

V. FLEMING, *President*.

APPENDICES TO REPORT.

- I. Abstract of Expenditure from 1st January to 31st December, 1861.
- II. Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for the period from 1st January to 30th April, 1862.
- III. Rules and Regulations of the Tasmanian Council of Education.
- IV. Regulations for Examination of Candidates for Exhibitions to Superior Schools.
- V. Regulations for the Examination for the Degree of Associate of Arts, 1861.
- VI. Regulations for the Examination for the Tasmanian Scholarships, 1861.
- VII. Examiners' Report, &c., on the Examination for Exhibitions to Superior Schools.
- VIII. Examiners' Report, &c., on the Examination for the Degree of Associate of Arts.
- IX. Examiners' Report, &c., on the Examination for the Tasmanian Scholarships.

TASMANIAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION.

APPENDIX I.

ABSTRACT of EXPENDITURE from 1st January to 31st December, 1861, including Sums exhibited in Supplementary Statement of Expenditure to 30th April, 1861, (Parliamentary Paper, H.A., No. 20, 1861) :—

COUNCIL OF EDUCATION.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Secretary's Salary - - - - -	—	—	—	60	0	0	—	—	—
Furniture, &c. - - - - -	—	—	—	44	14	0	—	—	—
Printing and Advertising - - - - -	—	—	—	18	8	6	—	—	—
Books and Stationery - - - - -	—	—	—	22	12	2	—	—	—
Council's Seal and Seal Press - - - - -	—	—	—	13	7	0	—	—	—
DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF ARTS AND TASMANIAN SCHOLARSHIPS.							159	1	8
Examiner's Fees—									
Professor Irving - - - - -	84	0	0						
Rev. F. H. Cox - - - - -	42	0	0						
H. Hunter, Esq. - - - - -	5	5	0						
R. Beauchamp, Esq. - - - - -	5	5	0						
C. Gould, Esq. - - - - -	5	5	0						
				141	15	0			
Prizes for 1860 and 1861, including value of Prizes on hand, amounting to £57 12s. 3d.*	—	—	—	175	11	3			
Engraving Certificate of Degree of Associate of Arts and Certificate of Merit - - - - -	—	—	—	35	14	0			
Design for Certificate of Degree of A.A. - - - - -	—	—	—	5	5	0			
Advertising - - - - -	—	—	—	14	14	9			
Attendants and Petty Charges - - - - -	—	—	—	8	8	6			
EXHIBITIONS TO SUPERIOR SCHOOLS.							381	8	6
H. L. Garrett, including £5 arrears of 1860 - - - - -	55	0	0						
F. Carandini - - - - -	50	0	0						
W. R. Carter, half year - - - - -	25	0	0						
C. Hogg, ditto - - - - -	25	0	0						
Examiner's Fees—J. J. Stutzer, Esq., and Rev. A. Davenport - - - - -	10	10	0						
				165	10	0			
Advertising - - - - -	6	11	10						
Fuel and Cleaning Rooms - - - - -	3	2	0						
Lithography - - - - -	3	3	0						
				12	16	10			
							178	6	10
							£718	17	0

Examined and certified to be correct,
E. J. MANLEY, *Colonial Auditor.*

MURRAY BURGESS, *Secretary.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
* Sophocles, 2 vols - - - - -	2	1	1	Smith's Dict. Greek and Roman Anti- quities - - - - -	2	13	1
Scott's Poetical Works and Tales of a Grandfather - - - - -	1	8	2	Buckland's Geology, 2 vols. - - - - -	1	16	8
Mahon's History of England, 7 vols. - - - - -	3	14	3	Chalmers' Constitution of Man, 2 vols. - - - - -	1	7	10
Clarendon's History of Rebellion, 7 vols. - - - - -	4	10	9	Roget's Physiology, 2 vols. - - - - -	2	3	4
Alison's History of Europe, 20 vols. - - - - -	11	14	8	Kidd's Constitution of Man, 1 vol. - - - - -	0	16	6
Macaulay's History of England, 5 vols. - - - - -	5	13	8	Whewell's Astronomy, 1 vol. - - - - -	0	9	0
Knight's Shakspeare, 12 vols. - - - - -	9	13	6				
Wellington's Supplementary Despatches, 7 vols. - - - - -	9	9	9				
					£57	12	3

APPENDIX II.

SUPPLEMENTARY Statement of Expenditure for the Period from 1st January to 30th April, 1862 :—

COUNCIL OF EDUCATION.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Secretary's Salary, 4 months - - - - -	—	—	—	20	0	0
DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF ARTS AND TASMANIAN SCHOLARSHIPS.						
Printing and Advertising - - - - -	—	—	—	4	14	0
EXHIBITIONS TO SUPERIOR SCHOOLS.						
Exhibitioners' Fees; viz.—						
Carandini, F. - - - - -	—	—	—	12	10	0
Garrett, H. L. - - - - -	—	—	—	12	10	0
Carter, W. R. - - - - -	—	—	—	12	10	0
Hogg, Charles - - - - -	—	—	—	12	10	0
Incidental Charges—Printing - - - - -	—	—	—	50	0	0
				1	19	0
				£76	13	0

Examined and certified to be correct,

E J MANLEY, *Colonial Auditor.*

MURRAY BURGESS, *Secretary to Council of Education.*

APPENDIX III.

RULES and REGULATIONS of the TASMANIAN COUNCIL of EDUCATION, constituted under "The Tasmanian Council of Education and Scholarship Act."

OF THE COUNCIL.

1. The Council shall meet on the first Thursday in March, June, September, and December.
2. The Minutes of every Meeting shall be entered in a Journal to be kept by the Secretary.
3. The Minutes of each Meeting shall be read and confirmed at the next Meeting.
4. It shall be competent for the President to call a Special Meeting of the Council.
5. Upon a written requisition signed by not less than four Members of the Council, and setting forth the business for which the Meeting is to be convened, the President, or in his absence the Secretary, shall call a Meeting of the Council.
6. A Notice of every Meeting, whether special or otherwise, must be supplied to each Member by the Secretary.
7. Every Motion which is to be brought under the consideration of the Council must be entered in a book to be kept by the Secretary for that purpose; and notices of such Motion must be sent to each Member at least five days previously.
8. To constitute a quorum not less than five Members must be present; and if the quorum be not constituted, the business for consideration shall stand over to the next Meeting.
9. The absence of any Member from all Meetings of the Council which may have been holden during the period of twelve months shall, *ipso facto*, render his seat vacant in the said Council, unless special leave of the Council shall have been obtained.

SEAL.

10. There shall be a Special Seal engraved for the Tasmanian Council of Education, the custody of which shall be entrusted to the President. This Seal shall be affixed to no document except by Order of the Council.

EXAMINERS.

11. The Council shall, at the General Meeting in March in each year, make arrangements for the appointment of Public Examiners, who shall conduct the Examinations for both the Degree of Associate of Arts and for the Scholarships; provided that two Members of the Council at least be present at such Examinations.
12. The Public Examiners appointed as aforesaid shall elect a Chairman, who shall present to the President of the Council, or in his absence the Chairman, the several successful Candidates for the Degree of Associate of Arts and for the Scholarships, at a Special Annual Meeting to be held for the purpose of granting the former, and awarding the latter.
13. The Annual Examination for the Degree of Associate of Arts, and for the Scholarships, shall take place between the first of October and the thirtieth of November in each year.
14. The names of all Students who have passed such Examination to the satisfaction of the Examiners, shall be published in the *Gazette*; such names being arranged in order of merit, in different classes or otherwise as the Examiners think fit.
15. At the termination of every Annual Examination, the Public Examiners shall report to the Council upon the general proficiency and amount of knowledge displayed by the body of Candidates in the several Examinations; and the Council may, if it think proper, cause such report to be published in the *Government Gazette*.
16. No person appointed Examiner shall examine, for the Degree of Associate of Arts, or for a Tasmanian Scholarship, any Candidate who either is his pupil or has been such within the twelve months preceding such Examination.
17. It shall be competent for the Council to award such remuneration annually to the Examiners as it thinks fit; provided always, that no Member of the Council who shall be appointed Examiner shall be entitled to receive remuneration for his services in such capacity.

18. Every *viva voce* Examination for the Degree of Associate of Arts, and for the Tasmanian Scholarships, shall be in public.

THE SECRETARY.

19. The Secretary shall prepare and have charge of the Records of the Council, keep all Registers and Books of Accounts which may be requisite, and conduct all correspondence.

OF THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF ARTS.

20. The Degree of Associate of Arts shall be open to persons of any age; but Candidates for that Degree above the age of nineteen years, who may take honours, shall be placed in separate class lists, and shall not be eligible for any Scholarships, Exhibitions, or Prizes that may hereafter be awarded under the Tasmanian Council of Education and Scholarship Act.

21. At least twelve months before each Examination there shall be published in the *Gazette*, and in two Newspapers, one on the Northern and one on the Southern side of the Colony, a list of the subjects in which it is determined that the Candidates are to be examined, and such list shall be signed by the Secretary to the Council.

22. Within fourteen days after the termination of the Examination, there shall be published, in like manner, a list of those Candidates who have been recommended for the Degree of Associate of Arts by the Examiners; and the names of such Candidates shall be arranged in order of merit, together with the place of residence of each, and the school, if any, from which he comes; and the list shall be signed by the Public Examiners.

23. In determining the Classes, account will be taken of every part of the Examination; but no credit will be given for knowledge in any subject unless the Candidates show enough to satisfy the Examiners in that subject.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF ARTS.

24. Previously to the examination for the Degree of Associate of Arts, every Candidate will be required to satisfy the Examiners in—

1. Reading aloud a passage from some English prose author.
2. Writing from dictation.
3. The Analysis and Parsing of a passage from some standard English author.
4. The first four Rules of Arithmetic, Simple and Compound.
5. Geography. Under this head a competent knowledge will be required of the chief ranges of mountains, the principal rivers, the principal towns, and the coast-line of one or more of the countries in the following list:—England, Scotland, Ireland, Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Australasia.
6. The outlines of English History since the Conquest; that is to say, the succession of Sovereigns, the chief events, and some account of the leading men in each reign.

EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF ARTS.

25. The examination for those Students who have satisfactorily passed the preliminary examination will comprise the subjects mentioned in the following ten sections, in four of which at least, Latin or Pure Mathematics being one, the Candidate must satisfy the Examiners:—

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| 1. English. | 6. The Elementary Principles of Hydrostatics and Mechanics. |
| 2. Latin. | 7. The Elements of Chemistry. |
| 3. Greek. | 8. Zoology and Botany. |
| 4. French, German or Italian. | 9. Drawing and Architecture. |
| 5. Pure Mathematics. | 10. Geology. |

26. The Council will direct to be published each year the Authors in Latin, Greek, French, Italian, and German, in the whole or portions of which the Candidates will be examined at the next Examination, together with a list of text books which they may deem advisable to recommend on the subjects contained in the other sections.

27. Every successful Candidate for the Degree of Associate of Arts shall receive a Certificate of his having obtained such Degree; and such Certificate shall be on parchment, under the Seal, and signed by, the President of the Council. The Certificate shall specify the subjects in which the Candidate has passed and the Class, if any, that he has attained.

OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS.

28. Every Candidate for a Scholarship must, by the provisions of the Act, be above the age of sixteen and under the age of twenty years; he must also have been resident in the Colony for the period of five years next before the time of his examination, and have taken the Degree of Associate of Arts.

29. By the 14th Section of the Act, the examination for Tasmanian Scholarships must comprise the following subjects:—

1. Classics—Translations from Greek and Latin authors into English, Greek and Latin composition, Ancient History, Philology.
2. Mathematics—Arithmetic, Algebra, Euclid, Plane Trigonometry.
3. Natural Philosophy—Elementary Statics, Dynamics, and Hydrostatics.
4. Modern History—The History of England.
5. The grammatical structure of the English Language, and French or German, at the option of the Candidate.

30. Every Scholar shall forward to the Secretary of the Council a certificate from the proper authority, testifying to his having become a Member of some University of the United Kingdom; and until such certificate be received by the Secretary to the Council, or by their accredited agent in Great Britain, the Council will not authorise the payment of any portion of the Annual value of the Scholarship: provided always that this condition shall not apply in any case where it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Council that the Scholar has been prevented by sickness or other sufficient cause from entering himself on the books of an University.

31. The Council will order to be paid by the Secretary, or an accredited agent in Great Britain, half-yearly, to the said Scholar, the amount of his Scholarship for the half-year, upon the receipt by their Secretary, or by such accredited agent, of a testimonial from the authorities of the College or University to which he may belong, stating that he is conducting himself diligently and steadily.

32. In the event of any Tasmanian Scholar not being able to produce such a testimonial for any six months, he shall forfeit the amount to which he would be otherwise entitled for the said six months; and should he fail to do so for twelve months, his Scholarship shall be declared vacant, and he shall have no claim for moneys accruing therefrom: provided always, that this rule shall not apply to Scholars when they have been incapacitated by illness from attending to their College or University duties.

33. For the further encouragement of Tasmanian Scholars to prosecute their studies diligently in the University to which they belong, the Council of Education will cause to be published in the *Government Gazette* the names of such as may have obtained Prizes, Scholarships, or Exhibitions, or whose names may have appeared in the "Honour List," together with the description or class of Honour which may have been awarded to them.

FORM of Presentation for Admission to the DEGREE of ASSOCIATE of ARTS.

Mr. President [or Chairman as the case may be] and Members of the Tasmanian Council of Education, I present to you A.B. as a fit and proper person to be admitted to the Degree of Associate of Arts; and I certify to you, and to the Council, that he has fulfilled the conditions prescribed by the Regulations for that Degree.

FORM of Admission by the President [or Chairman.]

By virtue of the authority committed to me, I admit you to the Degree of Associate of Arts.

Approved and confirmed in Council,

H. E. F. YOUNG.

APPENDIX IV.

EXHIBITIONS TO SUPERIOR SCHOOLS.

Tasmanian Council of Education, Hobart Town, 4th March, 1861.

It is hereby notified, that two Exhibitions of £50 each for the year commencing on the 1st July, 1861, will be open for competition in the last week of June next, to every boy under the age of fourteen years on the 1st March, 1861, who has not been a Pupil of a Government School within six months of the date of the Examination.

Every Candidate must produce testimonials of his having conducted himself well during the twelve months preceding the Examination, and of having been for two years a resident in the Colony.

The Examination will comprise the following subjects:—The English Language, Geography, Grammar, History, Arithmetic, French, Latin, Greek, Algebra, and the First Book of Euclid.

The Exhibitions will be tenable at such Superior Schools as shall be named by the Parent or Guardian and approved by the Council.

Arrangements will be made for conducting the Examination in one or more central places in the town or district in which the Candidate may reside.

Candidates desirous of offering themselves for Examination must notify in writing their intention to the Secretary on or before the 15th May, 1861, with the testimonials above required, and a Certificate from the Parent or Guardian that the Candidate was not fourteen years of age on the 1st March, 1861.

In the event of a successful Candidate not becoming a Boarder, and not incurring any expense for board or private tuition, the Exhibition will only be £20 a year.

By Order of the Council,

MURRAY BURGESS, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX V.

TASMANIAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION.

Hobart Town, 15th November, 1860.

DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF ARTS.

THE second Examination for the Degree of Associate of Arts will take place some time between the first day of September and the last day of November, 1861. The conditions upon which honors are given, prizes are awarded, and the Degree is granted, are stated in the Rules and Regulations of the Council, a copy of which will be furnished by the undersigned on application. (Appendix III.)

A list of subjects and books is appended. It must, however, be clearly borne in mind, that to obtain the Degree it is only necessary to pass in four of these subjects, of which Latin or Mathematics must be one.

By Order of the Council,

MURRAY BURGESS, *Secretary.*

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF ARTS.

PREVIOUSLY to the Examination for the Degree of Associate of Arts, every Candidate will be required to satisfy the Examiners in—

1. Reading aloud a passage from some English Prose Author. All that is required from Candidates is that they should pronounce correctly, articulate distinctly, and read intelligibly.
2. Writing from dictation.

3. The Analysis and Parsing of a passage from some standard English Author.
4. The first four Rules of Arithmetic, Simple and Compound.
5. Geography. Under this head a competent knowledge will be required of the chief ranges of mountains, the principal rivers, the principal towns, and the coast line of one or more of the countries in the following list:—England, Scotland, Ireland, Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Australasia.
6. The outlines of English History since the Conquest; that is to say, the succession of Sovereigns, the chief events, and some account of the leading men in each reign.

EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF ARTS.

The examination for those Students who have satisfactorily passed the Preliminary Examination will comprise the subjects mentioned in the following ten sections, in four of which at least, Latin or Pure Mathematics being one, the Candidate must satisfy the Examiners;—

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| 1. English. | 7. The Elements of Chemistry. |
| 2. Latin. | 8. Zoology and Botany. |
| 3. Greek. | 9. Drawing and Architecture. |
| 4. French, German, or Italian. | 10. Geology. |
| 5. Pure Mathematics. | |
| 6. The Elementary Principles of Hydrostatics and Mechanics. | |

PRIZES.

1. Prizes of the value of £20 each, to consist of the Council's Gold Medal and Books of the value of £10, will be awarded to those Candidates who most distinguish themselves in the following subjects:—(1.) English. (2.) Latin. (3.) Greek; and (4.) Mathematics. These Prizes, however, will not be awarded to any Candidate who shall not be placed by the Examiners in the First Class of the Associate of Arts.

2. Second Prizes of Books, of the value of £5 each, will, at the discretion of the Examiners, be also given in the above four-mentioned subjects.

3. Subject to the stipulations laid down in Clause 1, the Council's Gold Medal will be awarded to the Candidate who shall most distinguish himself in some one of the subjects in Section 4, French, German, or Italian. It is clearly to be understood, however, that only one Medal will be awarded for the Section, which will be gained by the Candidate who displays the highest proficiency in the language in which he submits himself to be examined.

4. Prizes of the value of £5 each will, at the discretion of the Examiners, be awarded to the Candidates who most distinguish themselves in Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10; namely,—the Elementary Principles of Hydrostatics and Mechanics; the Elements of Chemistry, Zoology, and Botany; Drawing and Architecture; Geology. In the event of any Candidate being specially recommended by the Examiners as displaying a high order of proficiency in one or other of the above subjects, the Council will be prepared to award their Gold Medal to such Candidate.

*SKETCH of the second Examination for the Degree of
ASSOCIATE of ARTS.*

ENGLISH.—The Candidate will be examined in the Etymology and Grammatical construction of the Language; in English History, from the Conquest to the Accession of Henry VIII.; and will be required to write a short original Composition, or a Report founded upon some abstract of facts furnished to him. He will also be examined in Physical, Commercial, and Political Geography. Books recommended: Trench on the Study of Words, (3s. 6d., Parker) Morell's Grammar and Analysis, with Graduated Exercises, (2s. 6d., Constable) Cornwell's School Geography (3s. 6d., Simpkin & Co.), and Hughes's Physical Geography (3s. 6d., Longman.)

LATIN.—Virgil, *Æneid*, Book VI., or Horace Odes, Books I. and II.; and Sallust, *Jugurthine War*, or Cicero, *Orations against Catiline*, 1, 2, and 3. Questions will also be given on the parsing, and the historical and geographical allusions. An easy passage for translation from some other Latin author, and a passage of English for translation into Latin. Candidates for Honors will be required to satisfy the Examiners in all the four books above named.

GREEK.—Xenophon's *Anabasis*, Book II.; and Homer's *Iliad*, Book I., or Herodotus, Book II., first seventy-six Sections. Questions on the parsing and the historical and geographical allusions. An easy passage for translation from some other Greek author. Candidates for Honors will be required to satisfy the Examiners in all the three books above named.

FRENCH.—Passages will be given from Voltaire's *Charles the XII.* and Vinet's *Chrestomathie* for translation into English, with questions on the parsing, and the historical and geographical allusions. Also, a passage from some other French author for translation into English, and from some English author into French.

GERMAN.—Passages will be given from Schiller's *Revolt of the Netherlands*, or *Wallenstein*, with questions on the parsing and the historical and geographical allusions. Also, a passage

from some other German author for translation into English, and from an English author into German.

ITALIAN.—Candidates in this Section will be examined in Silvio Pellico, with questions on the parsing, and grammatical construction; also, a passage from some other Italian author for translation into English, and from an English author into Italian.

PURE MATHEMATICS.—Questions will be set in Euclid, Books I. II. III. IV., Arithmetic and Algebra. Candidates for Honors will also be required to satisfy the Examiners in Euclid, Books VI. and XI., as far as Proposition xxi.; Plane Trigonometry, the use of Logarithms, and Mensuration.

NATURAL PHILOSOPHY.—The Candidate must be prepared to answer questions set in the first 394 Sections of Golding Bird's *Natural Philosophy*, 4th edition, 1854. (12s. 6d., Churchill.)

CHEMISTRY.—The Candidate will be examined in Inorganic Chemistry. Book recommended: Wilson's *Chemistry*, 3s., (Chambers' Educational Course.)

ZOOLOGY AND BOTANY.—Elementary questions will be set on the description and classification of animals, their habits and geographical distribution; and on the mercantile and industrial uses of animal products. Also, the description and classification of plants, their uses, and geographical distribution. Plants, and parts of plants, will be given for description. Text Books: Milne Edwards' *Zoology*, (7s. 6d., Renshaw), and Lindley's *Elements of Botany*, (12s., Bradbury).

DRAWING AND ARCHITECTURE.—Drawing from the Flat, from Models, from Memory, and in Perspective; and Drawing from Plans, Sections, and Elevations. Design in Pen and Ink and in Colour. A fair degree of skill in freehand drawing will be required, in order that a Student may pass in this Section.

GEOLOGY.—The Candidate will be examined in Page's *Introductory Text Book*, (1s. 6d.,) and *Advanced Text Books of Geology*, 5s., (Blackwood.)

MURRAY BURGESS, *Secretary to the Council.*

APPENDIX VI.

TASMANIAN SCHOLARSHIPS.

*Tasmanian Council of Education, Hobart Town,
10th December, 1859.*

THE first Examination for the Tasmanian Scholarships of £200 a year each, tenable for four years in some University of the United Kingdom, will take place some time between the first day of September and the last day of November, 1861. The Regulations in regard to these Scholarships, together with a list of subjects and books which have been adopted by the Council of Education, are subjoined (Appendix III.) for general information.

By Order of the Council,

V. FLEMING, *President.*

SKETCH of the First Examination for the TASMANIAN SCHOLARSHIPS.

I. CLASSICS.

Greek.—Thucydides, Book II.; Herodotus, Book II.; Homer, *Iliad*, Book I.; Sophocles, *Oedipus Tyrannus*.

Latin.—Virgil, *Æneid*, Books V. and VI.; Horace, *Odes*; Juvenal, *Satire X.*; Livy, *XXI.* and *XXII.*; Cicero, *Catiline Orations*.

Candidates will be required to translate from English into Greek and Latin Prose. Exercises will also be set for translation from English Verse into Greek and Latin Verse. It will not, however, be deemed indispensable for success that a Candidate should show facility in composition of the latter kind, but credit will be given for well executed copies.

Ancient History.—Questions will be given upon the historical and geographical allusions contained in the above-named Greek and Latin Books; and Candidates will be required to answer such philological questions as may be set. They will also be examined in Keightley's Histories of Greece and Rome.

II. MATHEMATICS.

Arithmetic; Algebra, except Theory of Equations; Euclid, Book I. to VI. inclusive, and 11th Book to 21st Proposition inclusive; Plane Trigonometry, including Logarithms. Books recommended: Colenso's Arithmetic, Wood's Algebra, Hall or Hymer's Trigonometry.

Papers will be set in Conic Sections, treated both geometrically and analytically, and in the Differential and Integral Calculus. It will not, however, be deemed essential for success that a Candidate be capable of answering these questions, but credit will be given for such proficiency as may be displayed. Books recommended: Hymer's or Todhunter's Conic Sections, Todhunter's Differential and Integral Calculus.

III. NATURAL PHILOSOPHY.

Elementary Statics, Dynamics, and Hydrostatics, as treated in Goodwin's Course of Mathematics. Papers will also be set in Statics, as treated in Earnshaw's Statics, or Todhunter's Treatise on Analytical Statics. It will not be deemed essential for success that a Candidate be capable of answering these questions, but credit will be given for such proficiency as may be displayed.

IV. MODERN HISTORY.

History of Europe from 1688 to 1815 inclusive.

V. MODERN LANGUAGES.

The grammatical structure of the English Language, and French or German. Candidates may submit themselves for examination in either French or German, at their option.

French.—Passages will be given from Voltaire's Charles the XII. and Vinet's Chrestomathie for translation into English, with questions on the parsing, and the historical and geographical allusions. Also a passage from some other French author for translation into English; and from some English author into French.

German.—Passages will be given from "Schiller's Revolt of the Netherlands," or "Wallenstein," with questions on the parsing and the historical and geographical allusions; also a passage from some other German author for translation into English, and from an English author into German.

BOOKS recommended.

- Keightley—History of Greece, 6s. 6d.—*Whittaker.*
 - History of Rome, 6s. 6d.—*Ibid.*
 - Colenso, J. W.—Arithmetic for Schools, 4s. 6d.—*Longman.*
 - Wood, J.—Algebra (ed. by Lund), 12s. 6d.—*Ibid.*
 - Hall—Trigonometry, 1s. 6d.—*Christian Knowledge Society.*
 - Hymer—Plane and Spherical Trigonometry, 8s. 6d.—*Whittaker.*
 - Conic Sections, 9s.—*Rivington.*
 - Todhunter, J.—Plane Geometry (Conic Sections), 10s. 6d.—*Macmillan.*
 - Differential Calculus, 10s. 6d.—*Ibid.*
 - Integral Calculus, 10s. 6d.—*Ibid.*
 - Analytical Statics, 10s. 6d.—*Ibid.*
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APPENDIX VII.

DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF ARTS.—SEPTEMBER, 1861.

EXAMINERS' REPORT.

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

BEFORE detailing the results of the Examination for the Degree of Associate of Arts which has just concluded, the Examiners desire to offer a few prefatory remarks.

The method of Examination remained the same as last year, no alteration having recommended itself to the Examiners.

The subjects of Examination and the Text Books prescribed also remained unchanged.

The Examiners, however, in the revising the mark-value attached to the several subjects unanimously determined to raise that attached to Greek and to French, the former from 600 to 800 marks, placing it on an equality with Latin, and the latter to 500 from 400, at which it stood last year on a par with Geology and Chemistry.

They were induced to adopt these increased values mainly from considering how much time and labour are expended at school in the acquisition of these languages compared with a few weeks necessary (say for example) to master a Text Book on Geology.

As 300 marks were thus added to the full number attainable, and added in subjects which are universally taught in schools, the Examiners raised by 200 marks the standard for each class in the final list,—an increase not fully warranted by the above-named addition of marks, but fully justified if we take into consideration the fact that Candidates this year had all the experience of last year's published papers to guide them in this preparation.

The important Rule laid down last year that no marks obtained in any subject, less than the number requisite for satisfying the Examiners in that subject, should be reckoned for the Degree, was strictly enforced; and the attention of Candidates cannot be too often directed to it.

We now come to the

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

For this Twelve Candidates presented themselves out of Sixteen who had entered their names.

The Examination comprised,—Reading aloud, Writing from Dictation, and a very simple paper of questions in the Analysis of English Sentences, corrections of faulty Spelling and Grammar, English History, Geography, and the first Four Rules of Arithmetic.

The Reading aloud was generally fair, the principal defect observed by the Examiners being an indistinctness of articulation in some of the Candidates, due probably to want of practice. The Analysis and also the Writing from Dictation were also satisfactory.

Only two Candidates failed to satisfy the Examiners; one from deficient knowledge in History and Geography, and errors in writing from Dictation: the other from bad blunders in Arithmetic, coupled with the fact that only one question in Geography was attempted, though the answer to that was in the main correct.

On the whole the Preliminary Examination showed a considerable improvement on that of last year; but it must be patent to every one who looks at the papers that, with good training and proper attention on the part of the learner, not only a large proportion, but the whole of the questions might easily be answered.

THE GENERAL EXAMINATION,

For which ten Candidates, one more than last year, had qualified themselves, commenced on Tuesday, the 10th September, the Monday having been occupied by the Preliminary Examination. One Evening Paper was necessary, in order that the Examination might be concluded within the week, and a second was necessitated by the discovery that one of the Candidates, from a cause which the Examiners were bound to respect, could not attend at the time fixed for one of his subjects.

We shall specify the results of the Examination in each subject before stating the general result and commenting thereon.

I. ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE, (including Geography, Physical, Political, and Commercial, and English History from the Conquest to the Accession of Henry VIII.)

Ten Candidates; two passed with credit, one was rejected, mainly from deficient answering in History and Geography.

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The Papers were on the whole satisfactory and much superior to last year's, the average of the marks obtained by the Candidates being 553 against 434, and the highest number attained by any Candidate 764 against 631, out of 1000 full marks.

The Text Books prescribed in English are however very brief and easily mastered; and the Examiners would strongly recommend that in addition to them some portion of a standard English Author should be prescribed, to be worked up with Grammar and Dictionary, just as Candidates work up their Xenophon or their Cicero.

The want of a fixed Text Book in History is much felt, as it is difficult to be certain that Candidates have had the opportunity of learning the answer to every question set, while the books studied by them vary so widely.

The standard for passing with credit was this year raised from one-half to three-quarters of full marks, the Examiners considering that this standard ought to be attained, as the Examination, wherever Text Books were prescribed, was strictly confined to them.

The answering of two Candidates, Douglas and Riggall, was of nearly equal merit; that of the former slightly superior; but, as he was not placed in the First Class for the Degree, the Gold Medal cannot be given to him. Under these circumstances, the Examiners recommend that a Prize of Books of the value of £5 be awarded to each.

II. LATIN.

Ten Candidates; three passed with credit, two were rejected, failing utterly in answering simple grammatical questions, though the translations of both were passable.

In this subject also the general answering shows an advance on last year's; the average being 461 against 309, and the highest 645 against 547 out of the full marks 800. Considering, however, how large a proportion of this and of the Greek paper consisted of Elementary Questions, for which full marks ought to be obtained, the Examiners judged it right to raise the standard for credit from half to two-thirds of full marks.

The Gold Medal, awarded by the Council, is won by Knight; and Riggall, the second on the list, is so nearly equal to him, that the Examiners recommend him for a Second Prize of Books.

III. GREEK.

Six Candidates; two passed with credit, two were rejected, again from deficiencies in Grammar. The answering exhibits an improvement on last year's, though not so marked as in Latin: the defects observable are mainly in ground work in Grammar, and in parsing; the Syntax is pretty well understood.

Riggall, as first on the list, is entitled to the Council's Gold Medal.

IV. MATHEMATICS.

Ten Candidates; three passed with credit, one was rejected.

The answering was inferior to last year's; the average being 260 to 295, and the highest 449 against 550, out of 800 marks.

The work of the Candidates was marred by the same defects as were noticed last year; want of clearness and precision, and the omission of steps in demonstration: while faults of downright carelessness were more prevalent in this than in the preceding Examination.

V. NATURAL PHILOSOPHY.

Two Candidates; one passed, one was rejected. The answering this year confirms what was indicated last year, namely, that this subject, (at least as treated in the Text Book prescribed) is quite beyond the grasp of Candidates at the age at which they present themselves for this Examination.

VI. FRENCH.

Ten Candidates; six passed with credit, none were rejected.

The result shows an improvement on last year's Examination, but the same defect is again observable, namely, a want of command over the idioms and the syntax of the language.

Douglas is recommended for a Prize of Books.

VII. GEOLOGY.

Five Candidates; four passed with credit, one was rejected.

The result is on the whole satisfactory; the papers of those who passed displaying a fair amount of knowledge of the leading principles of the science. The main deficiency was in the mode of treatment of questions of a general character.

The first on the list, Hamilton, is recommended for a Prize of Books,

VIII. DRAWING AND ARCHITECTURE.

Two Candidates; both passed.

The questions set were upon the whole satisfactorily answered, particularly when it is borne in mind that no books have been prescribed for study.

In the Drawing of Plan and Elevation great deficiency was apparent, which was not surprising, as the Candidates were totally unacquainted with the use of Drawing Board, Square, and Scale.

Their copying from the flat, and their knowledge of perspective, was creditable; but neither the Drawing from memory nor the design in pen and ink exhibited any special merit.

It will be seen from these special reports that on the whole the Examination this year is more satisfactory than the last, and this is borne out by the Class List, in which the names of eight out of ten Candidates appear against four out of nine last year.

The defects observed are in style rather than in knowledge.

The Examiners have had to find fault with frequent inattention to the printed directions; and have found throughout the papers a tendency to verbiage. This arises from an over anxiety on the part of the Candidates to get pen to paper, instead of taking time to think quietly over the bearing of a question with a view to answering it as clearly and as concisely as possible. Again this overhaste leads to blunders which it is impossible to attribute to ignorance, but for which nevertheless marks must be deducted, such as, mis-spelling of ordinary English words, grammatical blunders, omission of words rendering sentences wholly unintelligible.

For such faults, however, the best remedy is the practice of writing answers, which we would strongly recommend to the attention of those preparing Candidates for another Examination.

We have now to give in detail the Special and the General Class Lists.

SPECIAL CLASS LISTS.

The names in the First Class are arranged in order of merit, those in the Second in alphabetical order, and the names of those who failed to satisfy the Examiners for the Degree are omitted.

GREEK.	LATIN.	ENGLISH.	MATHEMATICS.
I.	I.	I.	I.
Riggall, William. Knight, William.	Knight, W. Riggall, W. Cleveland, Arthur W.	Douglas, P. J. } Riggall, W. } <i>æq.</i>	Levy, E. Riggall, W. Knight, W.
II.	II.	II.	II.
Cleveland, Arthur W. Hamilton, James.	Douglas, Peter J. Hamilton, James. McQueen, John Arch. Perkins, W. W.	Cleveland, A. W. Knight, W. Levy, E. McQueen, J. A. Perkins, W. W.	Cleveland, A. W. Douglas, P. J. Hamilton, James. McQueen, J. A.
NATURAL PHILOSOPHY.	FRENCH.	GEOLOGY.	DRAWING AND ARCHITECTURE.
I.	I.	I.	I.
	Douglas, P. J. Cleveland, A. W. Knight, W. Levy, Emanuel. Perkins, W. W. Kiggall, W.	Hamilton, James. Knight, W. Perkins, W. W. Levy, E.	
II.	II.	II.	II.
Perkins, William W.	Hamilton, James. McQueen, John A.		Douglas, J. P. McQueen, J. A.

GENERAL CLASS LIST.

FIRST CLASS.

NAME.	AGE.		SCHOOL.	SCHOOLMASTER.
1. Knight..... <i>Marks.</i> 2722.	16	Gold Medal for Latin. Gold Medal for Greek.	Hutchins School, Hobart.	Rev. J. Buckland.
2. Riggall2645.	17	Recommended for Prizes of Books for Latin and English.	Horton College, Ross.	S. Fiddian, Esq.

SECOND CLASS.

1. Douglas.....2197.	17	Recommended for Prizes of Books for English and French.	Horton College, Ross.	S. Fiddian, Esq.
2. Cleveland2162.	15		Church Grammar School, Launceston.	Rev. F. W. Quilter.

THIRD CLASS.

Hamilton1720	17	Recommended for Prize of Books for Geology.	Hutchins School, Hobart.	Rev. J. Buckland.
Perkins1665.	17		Ditto.	Ditto.
McQueen1506.	16		Horton College, Ross.	S. Fiddian, Esq.
Levy1489.	16		High School, Hobart.	Rev. R. D. Harris.

A very instructive lesson for future Candidates, on the wisdom of concentrating their energies on a few subjects, may be deduced from the following observations on the marks of the above Class List:—

1. Only one Candidate presented seven subjects. He failed in three, and his name does not appear in the Class List.

2. Four Candidates presented six subjects. One only passed in six. Of the others each failed in one subject. One of them heads the Second, another the Third Class; and in these two cases had the labour spent on the sixth subject in which they failed been devoted to the other five instead, they would each undoubtedly have been a Class higher.

3. The Candidate who heads the list could have dispensed with the marks in one subject, and still have been placed in the First Class.

Five subjects then, well selected and thoroughly studied, are sufficient to place a Candidate in the First Class, and are as many, it would appear, as can generally be studied with advantage. The Examiners would strongly recommend that, as a general rule, more be not attempted. A satisfactory knowledge of five subjects should be attainable by a boy of fair ability and application before he is 16, and thus he would be enabled after taking the Degree of Associate of Arts, to devote two years to studying for the Tasmanian Scholarships, and yet become a Candidate before the age of 18, so as to have, if necessary, three opportunities of competing for these great Prizes offered by Tasmania to industry and talent.

The Examiners cannot conclude their Report, without acknowledging the great trouble which has been taken in the Government Printing Office to ensure secrecy, and to meet every wish of the Examiners respecting the Papers of this Examination, or without adverting to the admirable manner in which these papers, especially the Greek (printed on this occasion for the first time in Tasmania), have been prepared under the superintendence of Mr. Roberts.

Signed for the Examiners,

M. H. IRVING, *Chairman.*

23rd September, 1861.

EXAMINATION for the Degree of ASSOCIATE of ARTS.—September, 1861.

TABULATED RESULTS.

NAME AND MOTTO.	AGE.	SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	English.	Latin.	Greek.	French.	Pure Mathematics.	Elementary Principles of Hydrostatics and Mechanics.	Drawing and Archi- tecture.	Geology.	TOTAL NO. OF MARKS.	RESULT.	
				Maximum Number of Marks.										
				1000	800	800	500	800	400	400	400	5100		
Knight, William—Spirate secundi	16	Hutchins School, Hobart	Rev. J. Buckland.	551	645c	539c	309c	391c	—	—	287c	2722	First Class.	
Riggall, William—Nil desperandum, 2	17	Horton College, Ross	S. Fiddian, Esq.	761c	639c	595c	253c	397c	—	—	—	2645	First Class.	
Douglas, Peter J.—Excelsior, 1	17	ditto	ditto	764c	574	n.p.	371c	321	—	167	—	2197	Second Class.	
Cleveland, Arthur W.—Nil desperandum, 1	15	Church Grammar School, Launceston	Rev. F. W. Quilter	504	618c	462	310c	268	—	—	—	2162	Second Class.	
Hamilton, James—Enitar ut vincam, 1	18	Hutchins School, Hobart	Rev. J. Buckland.	n.p.	536	493	229	163	—	—	299c	1720	Third Class.	
Perkins, William W.—Enitar ut vincam, 2	18	ditto	ditto	536	433	—	270c	n.p.	156	—	270c	1665	Third Class.	
McQueen, John A.—Dum spiro spero	16	Horton College, Ross	S. Fiddian, Esq.	588	355	—	217	165	—	181	—	1506	Third Class.	
Levy, Emanuel—Fides, 2	16	High School, Hobart	Rev. R. D. Harris.	529	n.p.	—	274c	449c	—	—	237c	1489	Third Class.	
Waterfield, Wm. P.—Fides, 1	15	Private School, Green Ponds	Kemmis, H., Esq.	435	369	n.p.	229	215	n.p.	—	n.p.	1248	Certificate of Merit	

NOTE.—n.p. not passed. c passed with credit. — subject not attempted by Candidates.

M. H. IRVING, *Chairman of the Board of Examiners.*

APPENDIX VIII.

TASMANIAN SCHOLARSHIPS.—EXAMINERS' REPORT.

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN.

WE have the honor to report to you that we have completed our Examination of the Candidates for the Tasmanian Scholarships.

The Examination occupied six days, commencing on the morning of Monday, the 16th September, and closing on the morning of Saturday, the 21st September.

Before entering upon it, we found that the Council had not fixed any definite "standard of proficiency," by which the attainments of Candidates should be measured. Feeling it to be indispensably necessary that some standard should be fixed before the commencement of the Examination, our first act was to suggest to the Council the following outline:—

See Enclosure, page 20. { The three branches of the Examination,—(1) Classics, (2) Mathematics, (including Natural Philosophy), (3) Modern Languages and History,—being valued in the proportion of 10, 10, and 5, it shall be a condition of success that a Candidate gain at least three-fifths of full Marks, either in Classics or in Mathematics, and that he add to this an equivalent number of marks, gained from all sources.

The reasons upon which this suggestion was founded, need not be here repeated. It is sufficient to say that it was adopted by the Council, and became the rule for our guidance.

The standard thus fixed was not nearly attained by either of the two Candidates who presented themselves for examination, as will be seen from the subjoined table of Marks:—

	Full Marks.	" <i>Excelsior.</i> "	" <i>Fides.</i> "
Classics	1500*	577	647
Mathematics	1500†	417	182
Modern Languages and History	750	364	361
TOTALS	3750	1358	1140

* Or 1400, if the value of Verse Composition papers be deducted.
† Or 1050, if the value of papers in Differential and Integral Calculus, and Analytical Statics be deducted.

We are, therefore, unable to recommend the Council to award a Scholarship to either of the Candidates; and, even had the standard been considerably lower, the result must have been the same.

However much this is to be regretted, yet it must be borne in mind that a more lenient judgment would sooner or later have been followed by inevitable disappointment to the Candidates, to the Council, and to the Colony. The present Candidates, in their existing state of preparation, could not enter an English University on an equal footing with young men from the leading public Schools. Yet the chosen Tasmanian Scholar ought to be able to do this. It would be only a mortification for him to be sent home with the *eclât* of his Scholarship, and then to be left far behind in the Academic race. The conclusion at which we have arrived will at least avert this mortification; and, so regarded, can hardly be considered a disappointment. All that it pronounces is, that more time must be given to the Candidates' preparation before their election can be safely made. The high honor designed for them is, we trust, only deferred for a time, not forfeited.

Signed on behalf of the Examiners, F. H. COX, B.A.
23rd September, 1861.

THE experience of this Examination induces us to offer the following suggestions for the consideration of the Council.
1. As regards the list of Books and subjects prescribed for classical study, we would suggest, that, as the standard now adopted allows a Candidate to throw his main strength into this branch of the Examination, composition in verse should be no less an essential than composition in prose. It would be required of every boy at the head of a Public School in England, and should be required of the *Classical* scholar of Tasmania. The Mathematician would have his compensating advantage in his own line of study.

In the selection of Greek and Latin authors, we would recommend that the programme of every year include some, and some only, of the books of the previous year.

2. The list of Mathematical subjects we should desire to see considerably reduced. Differential and Integral Calculus, and Analytical Statics, are not ordinarily read by first-year men at Cambridge, and need not be included in the Council's List. This List, as it stands at present, rather tends to distract the attention of a Candidate, than to promote sound knowledge. Supposing it to be abridged in the manner suggested, the subjects that will remain will be amply sufficient to give scope to mathematical talent, at the same time that they will afford a solid ground-work for further study.

3. It is desirable that text-books be prescribed for Modern History, and for the study of the English Language. And for the latter, in addition to one or two Manuals in Philology, (such as Trench's "English Past and Present," and English Synonyms,) we would suggest that an *English Classic*, say for example a Book of the Paradise Lost, or a Play of Shakspeare, should be prescribed for *critical study*.

Signed on behalf of the Examiners,

F. H. COX, B.A.

[ENCLOSURE.]

10th September, 1861.

SIR,

THE Examiners appointed by the Council to conduct the Examination for the Tasmanian Scholarships will feel obliged by your laying this letter before the Council of Education at the earliest opportunity with a view to their receiving the instructions of the Council on certain points.

In conferring together for the purpose of determining what weight should be attached to the various Subjects of Examination, and what amount of proficiency on the whole should be deemed necessary for obtaining a Scholarship, they found that the decision of these points did not rest with them but with the Council under the 13th and the 23rd Sections of *The Tasmanian Council of Education and Scholarship Act*.

They have the honor, therefore, to request from the Council instructions on these two points, but venture at the same time to make the following suggestions :—

A. Relative value of subjects :—

I. Classics—Greek.....	60	}	120
Latin	60		
II. Mathematics	70	}	120
III. Natural Philosophy	50		
IV. Modern History.....	20	}	60
V. Modern Languages—English.....	20		
French	20		
			<u>300</u>

In making this suggestion the Examiners have been influenced by the consideration of the relative value which the subjects of examination occupy during the earlier years of an under-graduate's career at Oxford or Cambridge. The same consideration leads them to offer another suggestion :—

B. Standard of proficiency to be attained by a Candidate to warrant the award of a Scholarship to him :—

3-5th's of the total marks in Classics, or 3-5th's of the }	72
total marks in Mathematics and Natural Philosophy }	
An equal number of marks obtained from any other }	72
subject of subjects	
TOTAL	<u>144</u>

Any Candidate who fulfils the former condition will be likely to do well in either Classics or Mathematics at the University of his choice ; and any one who fulfils *both* conditions must have applied himself diligently to the studies prescribed by the Council.

The Examiners will be glad to receive the directions of the Council as soon as may be convenient, as the Examination will commence on Monday, 16th September.

M. H. IRVING, M.A.

F. H. COX, B.A.

FR. HARTWELL HENSLOWE.

The Secretary Tasmanian Council of Education.

Laid before the Council and approved, } M. BURGESS, *Secretary*.
10th September, 1861.