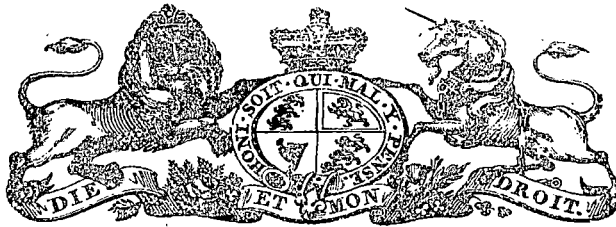


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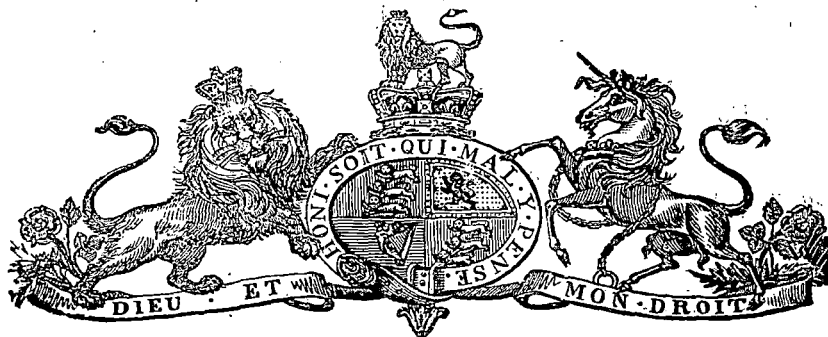
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EXHIBITIONS, BOARD OF EDUCATION.

EXAMINERS' REPORT, 1874.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Chapman, and ordered by the Council to be printed,
July 29, 1874.



Board of Education,
Hobart Town, 25th June, 1874.

EXHIBITIONS FROM PUBLIC TO SUPERIOR SCHOOLS.

THE Board of Education has directed the publication of the annexed Report of the Examiners appointed to conduct the Examination of Candidates for Exhibitions from Public to Superior Schools.

The Candidates who obtained the highest number of Marks were:—

ALLAN JOHN BAXTER.
PERCY ROUT.
GEORGE BENSON BOYES.
WILLIAM JAMES RULE.
GEORGE IRWIN TOTHAM.
WILLIAM PERCY HOOD.

The Board has, accordingly, awarded to each of these Candidates an Exhibition of the value of £16 13s. 4d. per annum, tenable for Four years from the 1st proximo, subject to the Conditions laid down in the Regulations dated 26th June, 1873.

By order of the Board,

HENRY BUTLER, *Chairman*.

EXAMINERS' REPORT.

WE have to present to the Board of Education a Report of the Fifteenth Annual Examination for Exhibitions.

The Examination began on the 16th instant, and occupied three days. Twelve boys from six Schools were examined; four at Launceston, under the supervision of Mr. Richardson, and the rest in Hobart Town. The subjects and the values assigned to them were the same as last year.

We have to remark as follows on the several subjects:—

READING. *F. Hudspeth, Examiner*.—Passages in prose and verse were selected from the Fourth Book prescribed by the Board of Education, a book familiar to the Candidates. Boyes showed great care and taste in reading, and intelligence as to the meaning of words. Next in order were Baxter, Rout, Rule (equal); Dix, Cassidy, and Totham deserve favourable mention. Four or five candidates were careless in this important subject, hesitating, mistaking words, prefixing the syllable *a* to the diphthongs *ou*, *ow*, and in some instances omitting or misapplying the letter *H*. Mr. Richardson, who took charge of this one subject in Launceston, reported as follows:—“Baxter and Dix read very fairly and intelligently; Gow and Mills manifested but little ability in this subject.” Mr. Richardson’s estimate of value has been adopted by the Examiner.

DICTATION. *F. Hudspeth, Examiner*.—Every candidate, save one, acquitted himself well; exceeding, reaching, or all but reaching ninety per cent. of full marks. This, with boys so young, is worthy of high commendation.

PENMANSHIP. *F. Hudspeth, Examiner*.—Four boys, Gow, Rout, Stephens, and Totham gained full marks. Dix writes a hand which promises well. Only two wrote badly, namely those who adopted the mottoes (1) and (12) respectively.

ENGLISH GRAMMAR. *F. Hudspeth, Examiner*.—Boyes and Rule highly distinguished themselves; Baxter and Rout deserve special mention; Dix and Cassidy rendered this subject very fairly. Of the rest, Hood, Stephens, and Totham gained more than half marks.

GEOGRAPHY.—*A. Davenport, Examiner.*—Baxter was first, and after him Rule, Hood, Rout, Cassidy, Dix, and Boyes answered well; others showed little knowledge of the subject.

HISTORY. *A. Davenport, Examiner.*—The questions were answered admirably by Hood, and very intelligently by Boyes and Baxter. Rule, Rout, and Totham also did well. One or two wrote very bad answers.

ARITHMETIC. *A. Davenport, Examiner.*—Eight boys obtained more than half the maximum of marks. Totham and Baxter deserve high praise, the former having got full marks for every question. Boyes and Rout did very well, and Stephens, Rule, Dix, and Hood creditably. Two failed signally, but the work as a whole, considering the age of the boys, was remarkably good.

ALGEBRA AND EUCLID. *F. Hudspeth, Examiner.*—Considering the age of the competitors this subject was singularly well done. The following, in order, deserve great credit:—Rout, Baxter, Totham, Boyes, Rule, Hood. Dix is also worthy of mention. The style of rendering Euclid has very much improved.

The results of the Examination are shown numerically in the annexed Table of Marks; and we have much pleasure in recommending that the Exhibitions be awarded to Allan John Baxter, Percy Rout, George Benson Boyes, William James Rule, George Irwin Totham, and William Percy Hood.

The number of candidates was smaller than in previous years. Heretofore boys under thirteen years have been invited to compete for the Exhibitions. Only boys under twelve years are now admitted to the Examination, and the change has evidently reduced the number of candidates, especially in the first year of its operation. We did not, however, deem it necessary to set easier papers than before, and we are gratified to find that the attainments of the boys who have won the Exhibitions, and of the candidates generally, compare favourably with former Examinations. The number of marks obtained by the foremost in the race, and the average number gained by the successful candidates, are larger than they were last year, or any previous year, except at the Examination of 1872. Only one boy failed to attain the standard qualifying a candidate for a place in the Table annexed to the Report, and nine out of the twelve examined reached the standard of qualification for an Exhibition. It is a feature of this Examination that the boy who has distinguished himself most belongs to a country school, and not, as heretofore, to one of the schools at Hobart Town or Launceston.

ARTHUR DAVENPORT, *B.A.*
FRANCIS HUDSPETH, *M.A.*

Hobart Town, 22nd June, 1874.

TABLE OF MARKS.

No.	NAME.	AGE.	SCHOOL.	Reading.	Dictation.	Pennmanship.	English Grammar.	Geography.	History.	Arithmetic.	Algebra and Euclid.	TOTAL.
		Yrs. Mths.	[Maximum No. of Marks.	50	100	50	200	200	200	250	150	1200
1	Allan John Baxter	11 11	Hagley	45	90	44	163	168	161	230	130	1031
2	Percy Rout	11 3	Bathurst-street	45	91	50	157	132	143	190	133	941
3	George Benson Boyes	11 9	New Town & Trinity Hill.	50	96	40	173	100	165	191	122	937
4	William James Rule	11 9	Battery Point	45	89	45	170	158	154	150	110	921
5	George Irwin Totham	11 5	Battery Point	41	91	50	101	79	113	250	129	854
6	William Percy Hood	11 5	Battery Point	28	90	42	111	150	188	135	109	853
7	William Frederick Dix	11 2	Hagley	43	96	47	133	111	97	147	84	758
8	William Francis Stephens	11 8	New Town	39	94	50	106	68	83	152	66	658
9	John Charles Cassidy	11 9	Battery Point	42	91	40	127	123	65	110	39	637
10	Daniel Gow	10 11	Elizabeth-st., Launceston.	34	98	50	92	59	54	56	43	486
11	Michael Mills	11 3	Elizabeth-st., Launceston.	27	94	35	76	51	55	75	34	447

EXAMINATION PAPERS.

Algebra and Euclid.

TUESDAY, 16TH JUNE, 1874. *Four hours.*Rev. F. HUDSPETH, *Examiner.*

1. Write the different signs used in Algebra, explaining what they mean.
2. Simplify the following:—

(1) $(5a - 3b) + (4a - 7b)$:

(2) $(a + b) - (a - b)$:

(3) $a - (x - a) - \{x - (a - x)\}$ }

What becomes of signs in Subtraction? State the reason.

3. Multiply

(1) $x^2 - px + q$ by $x + a$.

(2) $(x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)$.

(3) $(a + b) \cdot (a - b) \cdot (a^2 + b^2)$.

4. Divide $a^5 + b^5$ by $a + b$.

5. Find $\frac{ax + by}{b + x}$ when $a = 5$, $b = 3$, $x = 7$, $y = 5$.

6. Solve the Equations—

(a) $7x + 20 = 3x = 60 + 4x - 50 + 8x$.

(b) $\frac{x}{2} + \frac{x}{3} - \frac{x}{4} + \frac{x}{5} = 7\frac{1}{2}$.

(c) $\frac{2x}{7} + \frac{x - 1}{6} = x - 4$.

(d) $\begin{cases} 4x - 3y = 2 \\ 5x - 2y = 9\frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$

7. Define a plane angle, right angles, a circle, parallel straight lines, coinciding magnitudes.
8. From the greater of two given straight lines to cut off a part equal to the less.
9. To draw a straight line at right angles to a given straight line, from a given point in the same.
10. Any two angles of a triangle are together less than two right angles.
11. Any two sides of a triangle are together greater than the third side.

Geography.

TUESDAY, 16TH JUNE, 1874.

Rev. A. DAVENPORT, *Examiner.*

1. Explain what is meant by 'the longitude of a place,' 'the latitude of a place,' 'the basin of a river,' and 'the watershed of a country.'
2. Mention the most important manufactures in England, and name the towns in which the woollen manufacture is chiefly carried on.
3. Name two of the Belgian ports, and four of the Irish ports.
4. Describe the course of the rivers Thames, Derwent in Tasmania, Murray, Rhine, Nile, Danube, Rhone, St. Lawrence, and Indus.
5. Give the boundaries of Europe and of Asia respectively.
6. Give the situation of the following towns, and one or more particulars about them; viz,—Warsaw, Lyons, Vienna, Liverpool, Delhi, Cologne, Archangel, Moscow, Damascus, Singapore, Algiers, Auckland, Panama, Gibraltar, Sedan, New Orleans, Strasburg.
7. Name the Tasmanian rivers which flow into Bass's Straits. How is the Tamar formed?

Arithmetic.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JUNE, 1874.

Rev. A. DAVENPORT, *Examiner.*

1. A carpet 2 ft. 1 in. wide and 58 yds. 2 ft. 3 in. long covers a floor 6 yds. 1 ft. 7 in. long. What is the width of the floor?
2. If £387 1s. 1½d. is divided among 27 men, how much will each man receive?
3. If A can do a piece of work in 10 days, and B can do it in 23½ days, in what time can A and B together do it?
4. Find the sum, difference, and product of $\frac{2}{3}$ and $\frac{7}{8}$.

5. If 27 men receive £35 2s. 0d. for 24 days' work, how much should 16 men receive for 18 days' work?
6. Reduce $6\frac{2}{3}$ oz. to the decimal of a lb. avoirdupois.
7. Divide 14.2 by 45.02.
8. How much is $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on £15 2s. 6d.?
9. If goods were bought for £24, and sold at a profit of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., how much did they fetch?
10. If 75ac. 2r. 10p. of land cost £70 10s. 6d., what should be the price of 5 acres?

English Grammar.

WEDNESDAY, 17TH JUNE, 1874. *Three hours.*

Rev. F. HUDSPETH, *Examiner.*

1. Explain the use of the terms Orthography, Etymology, and Syntax.
2. What is meant by a diphthong? Write out those you know, illustrating each with a word.
3. Give examples of the Parts of Speech.
4. Define Proper, Common, and Collective Nouns, giving three words in each class.
5. Explain the use, with examples, of Relative and Compound Pronouns.
6. How many Numbers, Genders, and Cases are there? Point out each in the following words:—
boy, children, oxen, hers, him, themselves, cow, steers, mice, Mary's.
7. Give the singular form of brethren, teeth, pence, women, calves, deer; and the plural of staff, hoof, knife, fish, goose, church.
8. What kind of Adjectives can have degrees of comparison? Give the degrees of comparison proper to the following:—good, bad, likely, far, up, tender, old, noble, near, little, fast, spiteful.
9. What is the use of an Auxiliary Verb? Write out the tenses in use of the auxiliary "shall or will."
10. Give the form of the past tense and past participle of the verbs arise, abide, awake, begin, behold, burn, cut, cling, choose, keep, know, lay.
11. Give the meaning of the following words, and place side by side with each a word with *the same initial letter and sound, but with a different meaning*:—all, bow, caught, doe, dew, fleet, great, haul, I'll, main, none, pain.
12. Correct errors of any kind in the following examples:—
These are the men which we select for our companions.
Will any one bring me their books?
Those sort of people are always unpleasant.
Has either of your three friends arrived?
Each of them shall be rewarded in their turn.
We have began dinner this hour ago.
This one is more preferable nor that.
"Who's there?" "Me."

History.

THURSDAY, 18TH JUNE, 1874. *Three hours.*

Rev. A. DAVENPORT, *Examiner.*

ENGLISH HISTORY. *A.D. 1399 to A.D. 1558.*

SACRED HISTORY. *From the death of David to the Babylonish Captivity.*

1. Give a short account of the wars of the Roses, Jack Cade's insurrection, and the death of Cranmer.
2. Write some particulars about Lady Jane Gray, Perkin Warbeck, Margaret of Anjou, and Cardinal Wolsey.
3. Give the names of the four eldest children of Henry VII., and the name of their mother. From which of the former is Queen Victoria descended?
4. Name the wives of Henry VIII. Which of them was the mother of Edward VI., which the mother of Mary I., and which of Elizabeth?
5. Give a short account of the revolt of the ten tribes, the death of Ahab, the invasion of Sennacherib, and the reign of Josiah.
6. Write some particulars about Naaman, Jehu, Elisha, Gehazi, Isaiah, Jezebel, and Athaliah.
7. Name the last king of Israel, and the last king of Judah.