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MEMORIAL ADDRESSED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE HORTON
COLLEGE TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

Laid on the Table by Mr. Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to
be printed, 21 August, 1860.



To His Excellency SIR HENRY EDWARD FOX YOUNG, *Knight, C.B.*,
Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Tasmania.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

Your Memorialist is a Minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Australia, and was appointed by the Conference of that Church President of Horton College in this Colony.

Your Memorialist has carefully read the Report of a Commission appointed by Your Excellency "to make a diligent enquiry into the state of Superior and General Education in Tasmania, and the adequacy of the existing means for its promotion."

Your Memorialist has observed with regret that, while the said Report professes to give "some account of the attempts that have been made to promote Superior Education," it makes no mention whatever of the Educational Establishment over which your Memorialist presides.

Your Memorialist desires, with great deference and respect, to lay before Your Excellency the following particulars, in order that Your Excellency may judge of the injustice done to Horton College by the omission of that foundation from the said Report:—

1. Horton College was founded in the year 1852.
2. It was erected by voluntary contributions; a large proportion of the total sum (£4500) having been contributed by Capt. Horton of Somercotes, who also gave twenty acres of land for the purposes of the College.
3. The object of its promoters was, to afford to the public the advantages of a good General Education, with domestic care and religious instruction.
4. The regular course of tuition includes Latin, Greek, and French, and the various branches of Mathematics. The Students read
In Latin—Virgil, Horace, Cicero, &c.
In Greek—Homer, Xenophon, the Greek Testament, &c.
In French—Voltaire's Charles XII., &c.
In Mathematics—Algebra, Euclid, and Trigonometry.
5. The advantages of Horton College are offered to all sects and parties.
6. It has had an average of fifty Students from its commencement, all of whom had been boarders.
7. Horton College is vested in Trustees, for Educational purposes, in perpetuity; and its affairs are managed by a Council.
8. It has always realised a sufficient income, from the fees of Students, to meet its expenditure.

Your Memorialist is the more aggrieved by the omission referred to, because he had respectfully suggested to the Commission appointed by Your Excellency the willingness of your Memorialist to supply any information respecting Horton College which the Commission might desire in order to perfect its Report.

While, therefore, your Memorialist does not know that the Council of his College would consent to receive aid from the State,

Your Memorialist prays that Your Excellency will be pleased to cause this Memorial to be laid on the tables of the Houses of Legislature, in order that Honorable Members may have supplied to them important information on the subject of Superior Education which is not contained in the Report of the Commission.

And your Memorialist will ever pray, &c.

WM. A. QUICK.

Horton College, Ross, August 9, 1860.