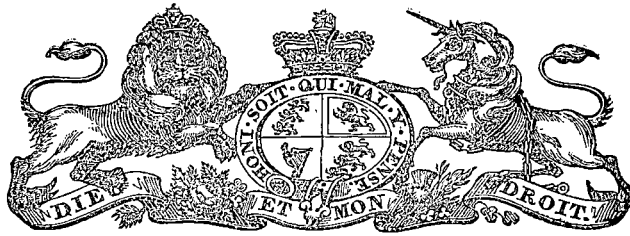


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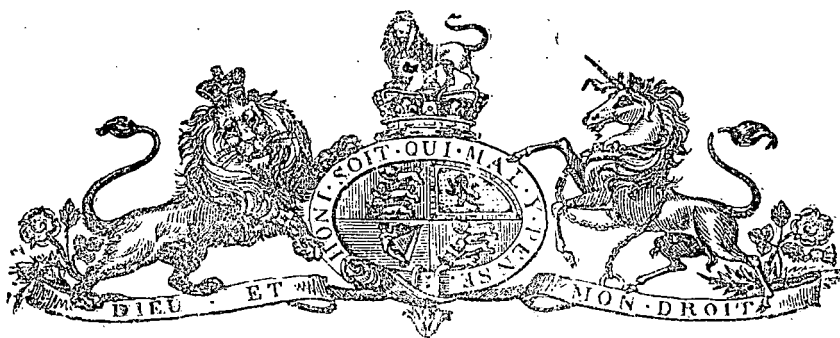
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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

EXHIBITIONS UNDER 'BOARD OF
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EXAMINERS' REPORT, 1876.

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Board of Education, Tasmania,
Hobart Town, 28th June, 1876.

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:—

Males.

FREDERICK THOMAS WARD.
JAMES M'CREARY.
JOHN JOSEPH MACNAMARA.
CHARLES MILNE DONALDSON.
FREDERIC HERBERT WHITE PARSONS.
RICHARD WALSH.

Female.

CATHERINE O. KELLY.

The Board has, accordingly, awarded to each of these Candidates an Exhibition of the value of £16 13s. 4d. per annum, from the 1st proximo, subject to the Conditions laid down in the Regulations dated 18th November, 1875.

By Order of the Board,

HENRY BUTLER, *Chairman.*

EXAMINERS' REPORT.

WE have the honor of presenting to the Board of Education a Report of the Seventeenth Annual Examination for Exhibitions.

The Examination began on Monday, the 19th instant, and occupied fifteen hours extending over three days. Six Exhibitions were offered to boys between the ages of ten and twelve years, and the same number, for the first time, to girls under the same restriction as to age. Nine male and two female candidates, representing four of the Hobart Town and Launceston Schools and four country schools, were examined: two of them at Launceston, under supervision approved by the Board, and the rest in Hobart Town. The same questions were set to all the Candidates at the same time, and the answers written at Launceston were sent to us from day to day.

The subjects and the values assigned to them were not the same in every case as at former Examinations. Algebra and Euclid had been withdrawn from the scheme of Examination; and the total number of marks being the same as formerly, the marks assigned to Reading, Penmanship, English Grammar, and Arithmetic respectively were more than in previous years. This alteration should be taken into account in any comparison that may be instituted between the recent Examination and former ones. The fact that until last year the Exhibitions were generally won by boys above twelve years of age should also be remembered as an element in any such comparison.

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

READING. *Rev. Brooke Bailey, Examiner.*—In this subject the boys acquitted themselves upon the whole very creditably. There was, as might be expected, a want of expression, but the enunciation was distinct, and with one exception the more difficult words were correctly pronounced. The word "melancholy" was the stumbling-block, being accented by nearly all the Candidates on the *third* syllable, and by one on the *second*. Parsons was decidedly the best.

DICTATION. *Rev. Brooke Bailey, Examiner.*—All the boys gained high marks in this subject, and the loss of marks was caused more by a surplusage of stops than by incorrect spelling. One or two appear to have thought it necessary to insert a stop after each pause made by the Examiner in dictating the passage.

PENMANSHIP. *Rev. Canon Davenport, Examiner.*—The writing was generally good. I have given full marks to Ward, his writing being as good as could be expected in a boy under twelve years of age. Donaldson and Macnamara wrote almost equally well. James, Parsons, Tolland, Walsh, and M'Creary also deserve praise.

ENGLISH GRAMMAR. *Rev. Brooke Bailey, Examiner.*—M'Creary was by far the best in this subject. Donaldson, Ward, Parsons, and Macnamara deserve favourable mention.

GEOGRAPHY. *Rev. Brooke Bailey, Examiner.*—Ward and Macnamara considerably outstripped the rest in this subject. Not one of the boys, however, answered the questions connected with Australia and Tasmania quite correctly; and all of them have a very foggy idea of the route of the Mail Steamer after leaving Galle.

HISTORY. *Rev. Canon Davenport, Examiner.*—Ward answered best, his work being very good; and next in order of merit, M'Creary, Parsons, Macnamara, Sinclair, Walsh, Donaldson, and Catherine Kelly.

ARITHMETIC. *Rev. Canon Davenport, Examiner.*—M'Creary deserves the highest praise in this subject, having obtained full marks for nearly every question. Donaldson, Macnamara, and Ward also answered admirably. Walsh did very well.

The annexed Table exhibits the results in detail. Six boys and one female Candidate reached the standard of qualification for an Exhibition, and two other boys obtained the number of marks (400) qualifying them for mention in the Table.

For the reasons before stated the recent Examination does not admit of exact numerical comparison with those of previous years. We are of opinion, however, that the results are very satisfactory. They are creditable to the various schools in which the Candidates have been instructed, and show a remarkable degree of proficiency in some of the scholars who have so honorably distinguished themselves. We have pleasure in observing that the youngest of them is a female Candidate, and that she occupies a good place in the list of successful competitors.

ARTHUR DAVENPORT.
J. BROOKE H. BAILEY.

Hobart Town, June 24, 1876.

TABLE OF MARKS.

No.	NAME	DATE OF BIRTH.	PUBLIC SCHOOL.	Reading.	Dictation.	Penmanship.	English Grammar.	Geography.	History.	Arithmetic.	TOTAL.
				75	100	75	250	200	200	300	1200
			[Maximum No. of Marks	75	100	75	250	200	200	300	1200
MALE CANDIDATES.											
1	Frederick Thomas Ward	29 July, 1864	Trinity Hill, Hobart Town	55	96	75	174	170	173	265	1008
2	James M'Creary	10 January, 1865	Longford	60	82	56	205	120	160	294	977
3	John Joseph Macnamara	17 June, 1864	Trinity Hill, Hobart Town	50	90	72	166	150	141	270	939
4	Charles Milne Donaldson	19 September, 1864	Evandale	55	88	71	185	120	119	274	912
5	Frederic Herbert White Parsons	10 August, 1864	Goulburn-street, Hobart Town	70	84	60	174	130	142	107	767
6	Richard Walsh	9 March, 1865	Battery Point, Hobart Town	40	76	58	122	100	131	223	750
7	George Arthur Sinclair	16 February, 1865	Battery Point, Hobart Town	60	90	50	90	56	137	39	522
8	John Tolland	17 July, 1865	O'Brien's Bridge	60	88	58	94	45	23	113	481
FEMALE CANDIDATE.											
1	Catherine O. Kelly	21 November, 1865	Turner's Marsh	50	88	45	145	45	114	126	613

EXAMINATION PAPERS.

English.

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1876. *Three hours.*The Rev. BROOKE BAILEY, *Examiner.*

1. Explain the terms *abstract noun*, *collective noun*, *relative pronoun*, *transitive verb*, with an example of each.
2. How do you form the plural of nouns ending in *ch*, *x*, *f*, *o*, *y*? Give an example in each case.
3. Write down the masculine or the feminine, as the case may be, of the following words—actor, boy, dame, heifer, hero, maid, marquis, nephew, nun, widow.
4. Define *adjective*. When do you use the comparative, and when the superlative, degree? Write down the comparative and superlative degrees of *noble*, *holy*, *much*, *benevolent*.
5. Name the different classes of Pronouns, and give the possessive and objective cases (singular and plural) of *I*, *she*, *who*.
6. Write out the past and future tenses in the indicative mood (active and passive) of the verbs *to write* and *to lose*.
7. Write down the past tense and past participle of the verbs—awake, burst, chide, lay, lie, make, shine, slay, throw, weave.
8. Parse—Little Gertrude was the eldest daughter of a farmer, who lived in a very fertile country.
9. Correct—
 He picked up the man who he knocked down.
 Of London and Paris the former is the wealthiest.
 Going into the garden the grass wetted my feet.
 Not one of the windows were broken.
10. Write *in the third person* the following speech of King Richard, taking care to make the meaning plain, and commencing with *King Richard said that*: I wish I may forget my brother John's injuries as soon as he will forget my pardon of them.

Arithmetic.

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1876. *Three hours.*Rev. CANON DAVENPORT, *Examiner.*

1. Find the product of $2\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{11}$ of 24.
2. Reduce 15 cwt. 2 lbs. 9 oz. to ounces.
3. Find the interest on £500 13s. 4d. for 2 years 9 months, at $8\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
4. How much cloth at 13s. 4d. a yard may be bought for £21?
5. How much land at 35s. per acre would be equal in value to $622\frac{2}{3}$ acres at 27s. per acre?
6. If $\frac{1}{2}$ is worth £4 16s. 0d., what is the value of $\frac{3}{16}$?
7. Divide 41.92 by 3.275.
8. Find the cost of 13 yds. 1 ft. 7 in. at 9s. 4d. per foot.
9. If a coach goes a certain distance in 24 hours at the rate of nine miles an hour, in what time will you travel the same distance by train at the rate of 32 miles an hour?
10. If $13\frac{3}{8}$ yds. cost £1 2s. $8\frac{1}{2}$ d., what will be the cost of $2\frac{1}{4}$ yds.?
11. The area of a room is 17 square yds. 4 ft. 24 in., its breadth 6 ft. 10 in.: what is its length?
12. Reduce £2 3s. $3\frac{3}{4}$ d. to the decimal of £4.

History.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 1876. *Three hours.*Rev. CANON DAVENPORT, *Examiner.**English History.—A.D. 1660 to A.D. 1714.**Sacred History.—From the death of Moses to the death of Samuel.*

1. Give the dates of the accession of Queen Anne, the death of Charles II., and the battle of Blenheim.
2. Write a few particulars about the Rye-house plot, the massacre of Glencoe, the Union of Scotland with England, and the battle of the Boyne.

3. Give a short account of the Duke of Monmouth, Judge Jeffries, and the Duke of Marlborough.
4. State some of the causes of the Revolution of 1688, and mention some particulars about it.
5. Give some particulars concerning Jael, Manoah, Gideon, Jephthah, and Eli.
6. Trace the descent of David from Ruth.
7. Who was Ichabod, and why was he so named?
8. Relate the disobedience of Saul and its consequences, the story of the Gibeonites, and the call of Samuel.

Geography.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 1876. *Three hours.*

Rev. BROOKE BAILEY, *Examiner.*

1. What is meant by saying that a certain place is in $42^{\circ} 53'$ S. latitude, and $147^{\circ} 23'$ E. longitude? What is the name of the place?
2. What is the breadth, in degrees, of the Torrid Zone? What are its boundaries? Whence do those boundaries derive the two terms of their respective names?
3. In sailing from Riga to Odessa along what Seas, &c., and through what Straits would a vessel pass?
4. Name one of the principal mountain ranges in each quarter of the Globe, giving also the name and height of the highest mountain in each.
5. Name the longest river in each quarter of the Globe, stating where it rises, where it empties itself, its general direction, and its length.
6. Name the Capitals of Belgium, China, France, Greece, New South Wales, Peru, Queensland, Russia, South Australia, the United States. Where are Auckland, Batavia, Colombo, Edinburgh, Inkerman, Lucknow, Mecca, Naples, Portsmouth, Rio Janeiro?
7. Name the boundaries of India, the three chief cities, six other important cities, and the principal rivers.
8. Trace the course of the Mail Steamer from Southampton to Melbourne.
9. On the accompanying map insert in their proper positions the numbers prefixed to the respective cities, &c. in the following list:—

1. Hobart Town.	8. Melbourne.	15. Wilson Promontory.
2. Launceston.	9. Adelaide.	16. C. Howe.
3. C. Pillar.	10. Perth.	17. C. York.
4. Maria Island.	11. Brisbane.	18. Banks' Straits.
5. Macquarie Harbour.	12. Port Darwin.	19. Gulf of Carpentaria.
6. Circular Head.	13. C. Leeuwin.	20. Spencer Gulf.
7. Sydney.	14. C. Otway.	

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Education Office, Hobart Town, 18th November, 1875.

REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITIONS FROM PUBLIC TO SUPERIOR SCHOOLS.

It is hereby notified that Six Exhibitions—of the annual value of £16 13s. 4d. each—tenable for four years from the 1st July, 1876, will be open for competition, during the month of June next, to male pupils between the ages of 10 and 12 years who have attended one or other of the Public Schools in Tasmania for the twelve months immediately preceding the 1st June, 1876.

II. It is also notified that Six Exhibitions of the value of £16 13s. 4d.—tenable for one year from 1st July, 1876, will be open for competition during the month of June next to Female pupils between the ages of 10 and 12 years who have attended one or other of the Public Schools in Tasmania for the twelve months immediately preceding the 1st June, 1876.*

III. The Examination will comprise the following subjects:—

1. Reading aloud passages in prose or verse from some English Author.
2. Writing from Dictation.
3. Penmanship.
4. English Grammar and Language.
5. Geography.
6. History.
 - A. English History.—A.D. 1660 to A.D. 1714.
 - B. Sacred History.—From the death of Moses to the death of Samuel.
7. Arithmetic.

IV. The following values have been affixed to the several subjects of Examination:—

	<i>No. of Marks.</i>
Reading	75
Dictation	100
Penmanship.....	75
English Grammar	250
Geography	200
History	200
Arithmetic	300
TOTAL	1200

It shall be essential to success that a Candidate gain 50 per cent. of the total number of marks; that is to say, 600 marks.

V. The Exhibitions obtained by Male Candidates will be tenable at one or other of the following Superior Schools as shall be named by the Parent or Guardian, and be approved by the Board; viz.—The High School, Hobart Town; the Hutchins School, Hobart Town; the Church Grammar School, Launceston; and the Horton College, Ross; and Exhibitions obtained by Female Candidates will be tenable at such Schools as may be selected by the Parent or Guardian, and approved by the Board.

VI. A Boarding Allowance of Twenty Pounds per annum, in addition to the amount of the Exhibition, will be granted to Exhibitioners whose residence is more than five miles from a Superior School.

VII. The Exhibition will be payable by quarterly instalments to each Exhibitioner upon production of a certificate of industry and good conduct from the authorities of the school to which the Exhibitioner may belong.

VIII. In the event of the non-production of such certificate for any one quarter, the Exhibition shall be declared vacant: provided always that this rule shall not apply to Exhibitioners who may have been incapacitated from attending school by illness or other cause deemed sufficient by the Board.

IX. Arrangements will be made, where practicable, for the local examination of Candidates who may reside at a distance from Hobart Town.

X. Applications† from Candidates desirous of offering themselves for Examination should be transmitted to the Chairman on or before the 1st May, 1876, supported by certificates as under:—

1. Certificate of good conduct for the twelve months immediately preceding the date of application from the Conductor of the School attended by the Candidate.
2. Certified extract from Register of Births, or such other Certificate as shall be deemed sufficient by the Board, showing that the Candidate will not have reached the age of 12 years on the 1st June, 1876.

By Order of the Board,

HENRY BUTLER, *Chairman.*

* NOTE.—The Board are not in a position to make the Exhibitions for Girls tenable for a longer period than twelve months. The Board learn, however, that the Government purpose submitting to Parliament the desirability of securing to the Female Candidates precisely the same advantages as are enjoyed by the Male Candidates.

† Printed Forms of Application may be obtained at the Education Office.