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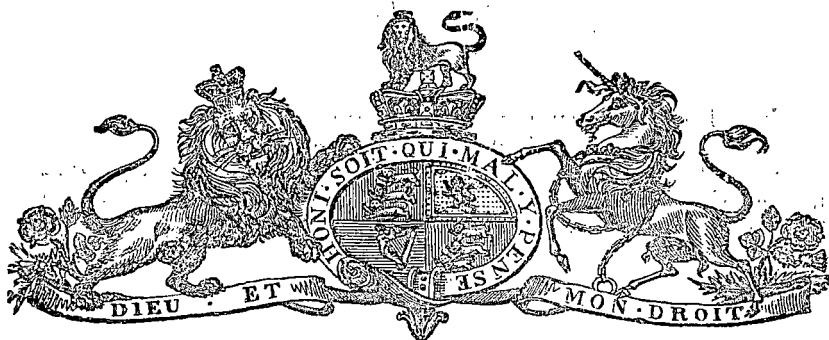
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**TASMANIAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION.**

**REPORT FOR 1866-7.**

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Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, 20 August, 1867.



*ANNUAL REPORT of the TASMANIAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION for the Year 1866-7.*

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

1. IN conformity with the provisions of "The Tasmanian Council of Education and Scholarship Act," we beg leave to submit this our Seventh Report embracing the proceedings of the Council between the 1st May, 1866, and the 30th April, 1867.

22 Vict. No. 21.  
Section 30.

2. We caused an Examination to be held in the month of June, 1866, of Candidates for Exhibitions to Superior Schools; and, on the recommendation of the Examiners, we awarded Exhibitions each of the value of £50 to Charles Reibey Buckland, Hutchins School, Hobart Town, and Sydney Innes, High School, Hobart Town. The Examiners in closing their Report observe, "This Examination presents some features for unfavourable comparison with that of last year. The number of competitors is smaller. They belong to two Schools only, whereas last year, and in former years, other Schools in various places, besides the Hutchins School and the High School, were represented by one or more boys. It must be added, that the highest number of marks obtained is less than it has been for several years past, and that the next to the highest is barely sufficient to justify a recommendation for an Exhibition." Experience, however, has shown that the results of competitive examinations fluctuate considerably. We do not doubt that the maintenance of a high standard of qualification for the Exhibition, the great probability of any boy's success after careful preparation, and the certainty of failure without it, will continue to operate very beneficially throughout our Schools.

Exhibitions to Superior Schools.  
*Gazette* Notice, 19th June, 1866. Hobart Town *Gazette*, 19th June, 1866.

3. In issuing the Programme for the next Examination we have affixed values to the several subjects, and notified that it will be essential to success that a Candidate gain 44 per cent. of the total number of marks; that is to say, 528 marks out of 1200.

*Gazette*, 7th August, 1866.

4. By a Resolution of Parliament the value of all future Exhibitions has been reduced from £50 to £20 per annum.

5. The Seventh Examination for the Degree of Associate of Arts was held in September, 1866, the Examiners being Professor Irving, M.A., and A. B. Weigall, Esq., B.A. Eight Candidates presented themselves for examination, one of whom, however, was subsequently disqualified although he passed the Examination in consequence of his having made an incorrect statement as to his age. All the other Candidates obtained the Degree, three being placed in the First Class, two in the Second, and three in the Third. The Senior Associate, Manasseh Fearnley, was awarded the Council's Gold Medal, First Prizes for Latin and for Greek, and a Second Prize for Mathematics. Edward Owen Giblin, also placed in the First Class, was awarded a First Prize for Mathematics, and Second Prizes for Geeek and for Latin.

Degree of A.A. *Gazette*, 9th Oct. 1866.

6. The Examiners remark: "On the whole, the papers of the Candidates prove diligent study rather than a very high order of ability. There was less inaccuracy, fewer marks of idleness and inattention, than have been shown in previous years; but there is still a want of method, and it may be fairly added a want of common sense occasionally,

in answering questions. There is still also a tendency to miss the point of a question, to answer something different from that which is asked, due to reading the Examination Papers over hastily, instead of carefully as Candidates are requested to do. For all these faults there is no remedy but the one so often recommended by the Examiners, frequent written examinations. Still taken altogether the examination just closed must be judged to be not inferior to the past, and to have afforded very satisfactory evidence as to the state of higher Education in Tasmania."

7. We have had the pleasure to award a Tasmanian Scholarship to Henry Alleyne Perkins, of the High School, Hobart Town, an Associate of Arts of 1864, who has since proceeded to England to enter upon his University studies. Two other Candidates offered themselves for examination rather with a view to practice than with any expectation of gaining the Scholarship. They are both reported to have done very fairly, and we trust that their success is only deferred.

Latin Verse  
Composition.

8. On the recommendation of the Examiners we awarded a Prize of Books of the value of Five Pounds for Latin Verse Composition to Mr. H. A. Perkins, Tasmanian Scholar, whose translation is reported to be "good as a whole, and in parts spirited and vigorous."

Tasmanian  
Scholars.

9. We have received satisfactory accounts of the progress of the Tasmanian Scholars. Mr. Hope (St. John's College, Cambridge) graduated in Honors as a Senior Optime at the commencement of the present year. Mr. Knight (Trinity College, Cambridge) has been placed in the First Class in every College Examination since he entered. Mr. Hogg obtained a Sizarship by examination in October last at St. John's College, Cambridge, and took a high place in the First Class at the Christmas Examination.

Mr. James  
Taylor, A.A.

10. We may here also mention that Mr. James Taylor, who took the Degree of Associate of Arts in 1862, has graduated in Honors at Cambridge as a Junior Optime.

Vacancies in  
the Council.

11. We have to notice with regret the retirement of His Honor Sir Valentine Fleming, our late President, and in doing so we desire to bear testimony to the zeal, earnestness, and ability with which for so many years he discharged the duties of that office. We have sustained a further loss by the decease of the Very Rev. Dr. Hall. The Most Rev. Bishop Murphy and the Very Rev. Mr. Dunne have been elected to the vacant seats.

Financial  
Statement.

12. We submit a Statement of the Disbursements of the Council between the 1st January and 31st December, 1866, the termination of the Financial year; together with a Supplementary Statement of Expenditure between the 1st January and the 30th April, 1867. Our payments under every head for the year 1866 amounted to £1361 12s. 11d., in addition to which there are outstanding claims to the value of £3 3s. 0d. in the course of payment, making the total Expenditure £1364 15s. 11d., being £46 17s. 5d. less than the amount of the Parliamentary Vote.

W. NAIRN, *President.*

30th May, 1867.



## TASMANIAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION.

## APPENDIX I.

*ABSTRACT of EXPENDITURE from 1st January to 31st December, 1866, including Sums exhibited in Supplementary Statement of Expenditure, to 30th April, 1866. (Parliamentary Paper, H.A.)*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>ADMINISTRATION.</b>									
Secretary's Salary .....	—			60	0	0			
Books and Stationery .....	—			7	2	0			
Printing and Advertising .....	—			6	5	2			
				<hr/>			73	7	2
<b>DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF ARTS.</b>									
Examiners' Fees; viz.—									
Professor Irving.....	70	0	0						
A. B. Weigall, Esq.....	50	0	0						
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One Gold Medal (M. Fearnley, Senior Associate) .....	—			10	0	0			
Books for distribution as Prizes.....	—			69	10	5			
Incidental Charges, Attendants, &c.....	—			10	17	6			
				<hr/>			210	7	11
<b>TASMANIAN SCHOLARSHIPS.</b>									
Mr. C. Hope .....	—			200	0	0			
Mr. A. Garrett .....	—			200	0	0			
Mr. W. Knight .....	—			200	0	0			
Mr. C. Hogg .....	—			116	13	4			
				<hr/>			716	13	4
<b>EXHIBITIONS TO SUPERIOR SCHOOLS.</b>									
J. W. Canaway, Exhibitioner of 1862 .....	—			25	0	0			
H. A. Perkins, ditto, 1862 .....	—			25	0	0			
J. Snowden, ditto, 1863.....	—			50	0	0			
J. V. Buckland, ditto 1864 .....	—			50	0	0			
E. Hughes, ditto 1864 .....	—			50	0	0			
H. B. Leach, ditto 1865.....	—			50	0	0			
W. F. Barrett, ditto 1865.....	—			50	0	0			
C. R. Buckland, ditto 1866 .....	—			25	0	0			
S. E. Innes, ditto 1866 .....	—			25	0	0			
				<hr/>			350	0	0
Examiners' Fees; viz.—									
Rev. A. Davenport.....	5	0	0						
Rev. F. W. Quilter.....	5	0	0						
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Attendants .....	—			1	4	0			
				<hr/>			11	4	0
				<hr/>			£1361	12	5

MURRAY BURGESS, *Secretary to the Council.*

Examined,

E. J. MANLEY, *Colonial Auditor.*

## APPENDIX II.

*SUPPLEMENTARY Statement of DISBURSEMENTS for the Period from 1st January to 30th April, 1867, inclusive.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>ADMINISTRATION.</b>						
Secretary's Salary to 30th April, 1867.....	—			20	0	0
<b>EXHIBITION TO SUPERIOR SCHOOLS.</b>						
J. Snowden, Exhibitioner of 1863 .....	12	10	0			
J. V. Buckland, ditto 1864 .....	12	10	0			
E. Hughes, ditto 1864 .....	12	10	0			
W. F. Barrett, ditto 1865 .....	12	10	0			
H. B. Leach, ditto 1865.....	12	10	0			
C. R. Buckland, ditto 1866 .....	12	10	0			
S. E. Innes, ditto 1866 .....	12	10	0			
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				£107	10	0

MURRAY BURGESS, *Secretary to the Council.*

Examined,

E. J. MANLEY, *Colonial Auditor.*