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TASMANIAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION.

REPORT FOR 1869-70.

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ANNUAL REPORT of the TASMANIAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION for the Year 1869-70.

To His Excellency CHARLES DU CANE, Esquire, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island 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 Tenth Report embracing the proceedings of the Council between the 1st May, 1869, and the 30th April, 1870. 22 Vict. No. 21.
Section 30.

2. We caused an Examination to be held in the month of June, 1869, of Candidates for Exhibitions to Superior Schools; and on the recommendation of the Examiners Exhibitions of the value of £20 each were awarded to George Wilson Waterhouse of the Horton College, Ross, and James William Tibbs of the Hutchins School, Hobart Town. Exhibitions to
Superior
Schools,
Gazette
Notice, 22
June, 1869.

The Examiners in closing their Report observe:—"Of the thirty boys who offered themselves as competitors, fourteen obtained each more than 400 marks, a standard entitling them to the publication of their names. Eight of these reached the higher standard qualifying them for an Exhibition, and of the boys so qualified the two foremost obtained the very large number of 931 and 855 marks...."

"We have pleasure in remarking that the boys who have so highly distinguished themselves at this Examination were successful competitors two years ago for the Exhibitions awarded by the Board of Education. At the Examination of the preceding year Tibbs won for himself the place next after the Exhibitioners, failing to gain the Exhibition by a small number of marks. He was then only ten years of age, and his subsequent career of industry and success is highly creditable to him. The long sustained efforts and repeated successes of Waterhouse, who has outstripped Tibbs in the present race, are equally honorable to him. They both do credit to the Schools in which they have been trained.

"It is a noteworthy feature of this Examination that six boys have reached the high standard of qualification for the Exhibition besides the two who are recommended for it.

"The number of competitors this year is larger than at any former Examination. But many boys were examined who could not have had any reasonable expectation of success, or of honorable distinction. We are of opinion that it would be well to institute a short previous examination in the most elementary part of every subject, and to admit only those boys who pass it to the long and searching Examination required for the Exhibition."

In accordance with the suggestion contained in the closing paragraph of the Examiners' Report, the Council inserted in the Scheme for Examination for Exhibitions in June, 1870, the following regulation:—"No Candidate for an Exhibition will be admitted to the Examination unless he shall have first passed a short Preliminary Examination in the following subjects; viz.—English, French or Latin, Arithmetic, and Geography."

Degree of Associate of Arts, *Gazette* Notice, 28th Sept., 1869.

3. The Tenth Examination for the Degree of Associate of Arts was held in September, 1869, Professor Irving, M.A., undertaking all the subjects except Chemistry, which was confined to the Lord Bishop of Tasmania. Ten Candidates presented themselves, nine passed the Preliminary Examination, and eight succeeded in obtaining the Degree, of whom six were placed in the First Class, one in the Second, and one in the Third Class. The Senior Associate, Douglas Edward Stewart, in addition to the Council's Gold Medal, was awarded the First Prize of Books, each of the value of £10, for English, for Latin, for Greek, for French, and for Mathematics. John William Henry Geiss, placed in the First Class, was awarded the First Prize, each of the value of £5, for Natural Philosophy and for Chemistry. John Oliver Thomas, also placed in the First Class, obtained the Second Prize, of the value of £5 each, for French and Greek.

The Examiners in closing their Report remark :—“ With regard to the Examination as a whole, a tabular comparison with the last nine years gives the following results (omitting all Candidates over 19) :—

	1860.	1861.	1862.	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	TOTAL.
Total No. of Candidates	12	12	10	6	6	15	7	10	5	10	93
Rejected at Preliminary Examination	3	2	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	11
Admitted to Examination	9	10	8	5	6	14	7	9	5	9	82
Passed for A.A.	4	8	4	3	6	14	7	9	5	8	68
1st class	3	2	0	0	2	6	2	4	3	6	28
2nd ditto	1	2	1	3	2	2	2	3	0	1	17
3rd ditto	0	4	3	0	2	6	3	2	2	1	23
Highest obtained	2247	2722	2028	2003	3295	2955	2836	2530	2999	3041	2665*
Average of all who passed	2132	2013	1788	1921	2228	2028	1932	2095	2205	2362	2070*

* Average of previous years.

“ Comment on this is needless. In almost every single item—save the one in which scarcely any one can hope to rival Hogg, the Senior Associate of 1864, the maximum number of marks,—there is a clearly-marked advance.”

Tasmanian Scholarships, *Gazette* Notice, 28th Sept., 1869.

4. Three Candidates offered themselves for the Tasmanian Scholarships, one of whom, Samuel Clayton Robinson, A.A., 1866, succeeded in reaching the standard of proficiency prescribed by the Council. He has since proceeded to Great Britain to enter upon his studies at the University of Edinburgh.

Latin Verse Composition.

5. A Prize of the value of £5 was offered for the best translation (if considered worthy) into Latin Elegiacs of Gray's Ode on Eton College, stanzas 2 to 6 inclusive. Three compositions were sent in, but the Examiner, Professor Irving, reported that he was unable to recommend the award of the Prize.

Vacancies in Council.

6. We desire to record our regret at the loss during the past year of two of our most esteemed Members, the Honorable W. E. Nairn and the Honorable Sir Richard Dry. These vacancies have been filled by the election of the Honorable James Whyte and W. Tarleton, Esquire.

President.

7. The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Tasmania was re-elected as President for the year ending the 30th June, 1870.

Tasmanian Scholars.

8. We have much pleasure in recording that Mr. Charles Hogg, who gained the Tasmanian Scholarship in 1865, was admitted to the Degree of B.A. University of Cambridge in January last, and that his name appears as a Wrangler in the Honor List of the year.

Exhibitions.

9. The Exhibition gained by H. M. L. Pike in June, 1868, having been resigned, was conferred for the unexpired period of three years upon C. W. Butler, who stood next on the list at the examination.

Army Commissions.

10. In our last Report we stated that a communication had been addressed to the Military Secretary in England, submitting that Candidates for Commissions in the Army who have obtained the Tasmanian Degree of Associate of Arts might be exempt from passing the Literary Examination required by the Regulations now in force. We regret that the Home authorities have not thought it desirable to accede to our application.

Gilchrist Scholarship.

11. We are gratified at being able to state that the Trustees of the Gilchrist Educational Trust have conferred upon this Colony a biennial Scholarship of £100 per annum for three

years at the University of Edinburgh, or University College, London, for the benefit of youths who have been resident in Tasmania for five years or over, and who are below the age of 22. The first examination will be held in January, 1871. The scheme, with the conditions imposed by the Trustees, was published in the *Hobart Town Gazette* of the 12th October, 1869.

Gazette
Notice, 16th
June, 1868,
12th Oct. 1869,
12th April,
1870.

12. We submit a Statement of the Disbursements of the Council between the 1st January and the 31st December, 1869, the termination of the Financial year; together with a Supplementary Statement of payments between the 1st January and the 30th April, 1870. Our total expenditure under every head for the year 1869 is shown to have amounted to £1239 2s. 7d., being £91 4s. 1d. less than the sum voted by Parliament.

Financial
Statement.

C. H. TASMANIA, *President.*

Hobart Town, 2nd June, 1870.

TASMANIAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION.

ABSTRACT of EXPENDITURE incurred from 1st January to the 31st December, 1869.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
ADMINISTRATION.									
Secretary's Salary	—			60	0	0			
Books and Stationery	—			10	2	6			
Printing and Advertising	—			2	1	7			
				—	—	—	72	4	1.
DEGREE OF ASSOCIATE OF ARTS AND TASMANIAN SCHOLARSHIPS.									
Examiners' Fees:—									
Professor Irving	90	0	0						
The Right Rev. Bishop Bromby	5	0	0				95	0	0
				—	—	—	10	0	0
One Gold Medal (D. E. Stewart, Senior Associate)							73	14	8
Books for distribution as Prizes									
Incidental Charges:—									
Engraving and printing Scholars' Certificate	4	7	6						
Attendants, &c.	6	11	6				10	19	0
							189	13	8.
TASMANIAN SCHOLARS.									
Mr. C. Hogg, from 1st January to 31st December	—			200	0	0			
Mr. H. A. Perkins, ditto	—			200	0	0			
Mr. G. F. Archer, ditto	—			200	0	0			
Mr. M. Fearnley, from 1st June to 31st December	—			116	13	4			
							716	13	4.
EXHIBITIONS TO SUPERIOR SCHOOLS.									
W. F. Barrett, Exhibitor of 1865	—			25	0	0			
H. B. Leach, ditto	—			25	0	0			
C. R. Buckland, ditto 1866	—			50	0	0			
S. E. Innes, ditto ditto	—			50	0	0			
C. H. Creswell, ditto 1867	—			20	0	0			
D. E. Stewart, ditto ditto	—			20	0	0			
H. M. L. Pike, ditto 1868	—			10	0	0			
C. W. Butler, ditto ditto	—			10	0	0			
C. C. Williamson, ditto ditto	—			20	0	0			
J. W. Tibbs, ditto 1869	—			10	0	0			
G. W. Waterhouse, ditto ditto	—			10	0	0			
							250	0	0.
Examiners' Fees:—									
Rev. A. Davenport	5	0	0						
Rev. F. Hudspeth	5	0	0				10	0	0
							0	11	6
Incidental charges—Fuel									
							10	11	6
							£1239	2	7

GEO. RICHARDSON, *Secretary to the Council.*

Examined—E. J. MANLEY, *Colonial Auditor.*

SUPPLEMENTARY Statement of DISBURSEMENTS for the period from 1st January to 30th April, 1870, exclusive of Payments in London.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
ADMINISTRATION.						
Secretary's Salary to 30th April.....	—			20	0	0
EXHIBITIONS TO SUPERIOR SCHOOLS.						
C. R. Buckland, Exhibition Money to 31st March.....	12	10	0			
S. E. Innes, ditto	12	10	0			
C. H. Creswell, ditto	5	0	0			
D. E. Stewart, ditto.....	5	0	0			
C. W. Butler, ditto.....	5	0	0			
C. C. Williamson, ditto	5	0	0			
J. W. Tibbs, ditto.....	5	0	0			
G. W. Waterhouse, ditto.....	5	0	0			
				55	0	0
				£75	0	0

GEO. RICHARDSON, *Secretary.*

Examined—E. J. MANLEY, *Colonial Auditor.*