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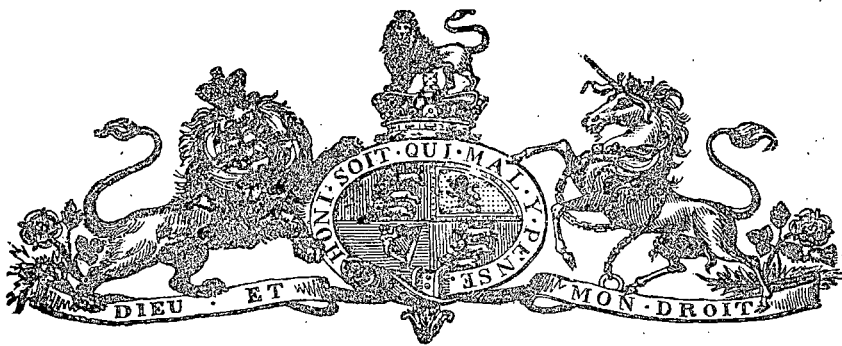
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

EXHIBITIONS UNDER BOARD OF
EDUCATION, 1876:

EXAMINERS' REPORT, &c.

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Board of Education, Tasmania,
Hobart Town, 27th June, 1877.

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.

GEORGE ERNEST CLEMONS.
HENRY FRANK MILES.
TIMOTHY PATRICK HARTNETT.
JOHN ALFRED HALLAM.
WILLIAM JAMES SPRINGFORD EAST.
WALTER BAXTER.

Female.

MARY ANN PLOWMAN.

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 30th June, 1876.

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 Eighteenth Annual Examination for Exhibitions.

The Examination began on Tuesday, the 19th instant, and extended over three days. Fifteen boys and two girls, representing nine schools, were examined; ten in Hobart Town, and seven, under approved supervision, at Launceston. The same questions were set to all the candidates at the same time, and the answers written at Launceston were forwarded to us. The reading, however, of the candidates examined at Launceston, was estimated by the gentleman who undertook their supervision. This arrangement possibly impairs, to a slight extent, the accuracy of the results, but the inconvenience appears to be unavoidable under the circumstances.

The subjects, and the values assigned to them, were the same as last year, when some changes were introduced because candidates were not admitted above the age of twelve years, instead of thirteen years as formerly. The same restriction is now in force, and the numerical results of the examination may therefore be compared with those of last year more easily and fairly than with those of preceding years.

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

READING. *Rev. Canons Davenport and Bailey, Examiners.*—Considering the youthful age of the candidates, the reading of most of them was very creditable, two or three made a considerable number of mistakes in even the simplest words, more perhaps, however, from nervousness than from carelessness. In view of the fact that the results in this subject cannot be estimated by the same

person, when the examination is held in different places, and that therefore, as in the case of the two who stand first on the present occasion, the rank of the candidates may be affected, it would seem worthy of consideration how far it is desirable to retain this subject in the scheme.

DICTATION. *Rev. Canon Davenport, Examiner.*—All, with few exceptions, did very well, but they generally failed in their attempts at correct punctuation.

PENMANSHIP. *Rev. Canons Davenport and Bailey, Examiners.*—In some instances the penmanship was quite as good as could be expected from the candidates, and in all, the neatness was very creditable.

GRAMMAR. *Rev. Canon Bailey, Examiner.*—The answering in this subject was very creditable; seven of the candidates gained more than three-fifths, and only four less than half the full number of marks.

GEOGRAPHY. *Rev. Canon Bailey, Examiner.*—I noticed a considerable improvement in the answering in this subject as compared with that of last year; but the number of candidates who failed to gain half the number of marks is still greater than it ought to be. It may be of service to teachers to notice that only eight of the candidates attempted Question 3, and that not one of them gained full marks for it, while only one answered the first part of it correctly.

HISTORY. *Rev. Canon Davenport, Examiner.*—The work was, on the whole, good, though the answers of a few candidates were in several instances mere nonsense. Those who answered best showed that they had been diligent in studying both the English and Sacred history of the periods assigned. Mary Ann Plowman answered admirably, obtaining full marks for nearly every question. Next, in order of merit, and deserving favourable mention, were Hallam, Clemons, Tolland, Stephens, Miles, Hartnett, Barnett, East, Baxter, Tibbs, and Cahill.

ARITHMETIC. *Rev. Canon Davenport, Examiner.*—The paper was a difficult one for children under twelve years of age, but the experience of former years justified the expectation that it would not be beyond the powers of well-prepared candidates. The work done was generally satisfactory. Clemons, Mary Ann Plowman, and Miles answered remarkably well. Hartnett, Kelly, East, Baxter, Tolland, and Barnett deserve favourable mention.

The annexed Table of Marks shows the results in detail. Only one of the candidates failed to obtain 400 marks, and was thereby disqualified for a place in the Table. Twelve reached the standard of qualification for an Exhibition.

We have pleasure in recommending for Exhibitions Mary Ann Plowman, and the six foremost of the boys; viz., George Ernest Clemons, Frank Miles, Timothy Patrick Hartnett, John Alfred Hallam, William James Springford East, and Walter Baxter.

The results of the Examination are, in our opinion, very satisfactory. The number of candidates was considerably larger than last year, and, though the number of marks obtained by the foremost is not much greater than at the last examination, we have pleasure in observing that the highest number was obtained by a female candidate, and also that not less than five boys were qualified for an Exhibition besides the first six to whom that honor will be awarded. These successes reflect great credit on the masters of the various schools at which they have studied, as well as on the candidates themselves.

ARTHUR DAVENPORT, }
J. BROOKE H. BAILEY, } *Examiners.*

Hobart Town, 25th June, 1877.

TABLE OF MARKS.

No.	NAME.	DATE OF BIRTH.	PUBLIC SCHOOL.	[Maximum No. of Marks]							
				Reading.	Dictation.	Pennmanship.	English Grammar.	Geography.	History.	Arithmetic.	TOTAL.
MALE CANDIDATES.				75	100	75	250	200	200	300	1200
1	George Ernest Clemons	20 March, 1866	Evandale	48	95	75	170	174	161	289	1012
2	Henry Frank Miles	9 July, 1866	Goulburn-street	55	95	40	171	187	181	255	934
3	Timothy Patrick Hartnett	25 November, 1865	Evandale	59	95	75	162	159	116	241	907
4	John Alfred Hallam	17 August, 1865	O'Brien's Bridge and New Town	70	95	65	159	143	175	127	834
5	William James Springford East	1 November, 1865	Evandale	45	90	46	170	143	111	199	804
6	Walter Baxter	26 September, 1865	Hagley	47	88	50	161	130	107	189	772
7	William John Cahill	9 April, 1866	New Norfolk	65	98	50	99	193	106	149	760
8	John Tolland	17 July, 1865	O'Brien's Bridge	55	91	65	93	117	140	163	729
9	Patrick Daniel O. Kelly	7 March, 1867	Turner's Marsh	50	90	43	126	82	58	205	654
10	Alfred Arthur Tibbs	January, 1867	Goulburn street	60	96	35	143	111	107	98	650
11	Frank Herbert Barnett	6 November, 1865	Deddington & Ross	36	70	56	133	56	115	152	618
12	Arthur Augustus Stephens	21 March, 1867	New Town	36	95	35	144	71	139	48	568
13	James Maloney	17 February, 1866	Quamby Bend	50	80	32	149	85	34	109	539
14	John Weavell Hughes	8 October, 1865	New Town	24	65	56	119	65	89	5	423
FEMALE CANDIDATES.											
1	Mary Ann Plowman	30 August, 1865	Goulburn street	63	95	63	181	161	92	261	1016
2	Mary Louisa Briant	2 September, 1865	Goulburn street	25	80	35	111	100	83	135	569

EXAMINATION PAPERS.

English.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 1877. *Three hours.*Rev. CANON BAILEY, *Examiner.*

- To what class does each of the following Nouns belong?—Table, sugar, James, beauty, a Crighton, army, warmth, ounce, march, conjuror.
- Give the plural of the following Nouns:—Box, rush, church, lady, hoof, goose, valley, woman, child, sheep, calf, ox.
- Write down the masculine, or the feminine, as the case may be, of the following words:—Boy, buck, duck, countess, monk, nephew, aunt, roe, stag, witch.
- Classify the following adjectives:—Large, ten, every, this, black, many, some, bitter, fourth, short.
- Name the Relative Pronouns, and state when each of them is to be used.
- Write out the present and future tenses in the indicative mood (active and passive) of the verbs *to move* and *to admit*.
- Give the past tense and past, or complete, participle of the following verbs:—Beseech, read, begin, draw, give, rise, slay, sew, fly, write, ride, take.
- To what classes do the following adverbs belong?—Now, here, quickly, entirely, truly, perhaps, always, often, hence, scarcely.
- Parse the following sentence:—I seldom see my eldest brother, for the work, in which he is engaged, prevents him from coming to town.
- Insert the omitted words in the following passage:—
A little —, who — in Scotland, felt a — great — to see Her — Queen Victoria. He — an orphan boy, and — no one to — for him, and he —, if he could — see the Queen, — would pity —, and — him to a school, — he might — to read and —, and thus try to — for his — afterwards.

Arithmetic.TUESDAY, 19TH JUNE, 1877. *Three hours.*REV. CANON DAVENPORT, *Examiner.*

1. Multiply 17 acres 1 rood 31 perches by 36.
2. How many times can £11 7s. 9½d. be subtracted from £102 10s. 9d., and what will the remainder be?
3. At the rate of sevenpence in the pound what tax should be charged on £450?
4. What should be the charge on £713 6s. 8d. at 2¼ per cent.?
5. Find the interest on £150 for 3 years 5 months at 6 per cent.?
6. Find by Practice the cost of 13 yds. 1 ft. 7 in. at 9s. 4d. per foot.
7. If 4½ are worth £33 18s. 4d., what are 3½ worth?
8. If 13½ yards cost £1 2s. 8½d., how many yards can be bought for 3s. 9d.?
9. The surface of a floor is 42 square yds. 1 ft. 50 in. It is 5 yds. 11 in. wide. Find its length.
10. Reduce ¾ of 1s. 5½d. to the fraction of half-a-crown.
11. If 28 men in 31½ days earn £114 6s. 0d., how much will 7 men earn in 10½ days?
12. Divide £10 11s. 3d. by 29·25.

History.WEDNESDAY, 20TH JUNE, 1877. *Three hours.*REV. CANON DAVENPORT, *Examiner.*

ENGLISH HISTORY.—A.D. 1714 to A.D. 1820.

SACRED HISTORY.—*From the death of Saul to the death of Ahab.*

1. Give a short account of Warren Hastings, Sir Robert Walpole, and Lord Nelson.
2. Write a few particulars about the American War of Independence.
3. Give the dates and a few particulars of the battles of Culloden, Trafalgar, and Waterloo.
4. Who was 'the great commoner'? Give some account of him.
5. Name in their order the four kings of the house of David next after Solomon.
6. Relate the dream of Solomon in Gibeon.
7. Give some account of the revolt of the ten tribes.
8. Mention in few words who the following persons were, and relate the circumstances of the death of each of them: Uriah, Adonijah, Joab, Abner, and Absalom.

Geography.WEDNESDAY, 20TH JUNE, 1877. *Three hours.*CAUTION.—*In answering Questions 6 to 10, be careful to make your answer clear by naming each Place or Article referred to in the Question.*REV. CANON BAILEY, *Examiner.*

1. Give any proofs you can think of that the earth is a globe.
2. Define Latitude and Longitude. What are the Tropics? Why are they so called? What is meant by the first Meridian?
3. Which is the longest, and which the shortest, day in Tasmania? What are the Equinoxes? When do they occur?
4. Describe a voyage round Tasmania, starting from Hobart Town, mentioning the different portions of water through which you would sail, the principal headlands you would pass, and any smaller islands you would be likely to see.
5. Name the different Australian Colonies, their chief towns, and principal exports.
6. What is a Strait? Where are the following Straits?—Babelmandeb, Bass's, Cook's, Dardanelles, Dover, Gibraltar, Magellan, Ormuz, Sunda, Torres.
7. Where are the following ranges of mountains?—Andes, Appennines, Atlas, Caucasus, Himalaya, Lebanon, Ouralian, Pyrenees, Rocky Mountains, Sierra Nevada.
8. Give the following particulars respecting each of the rivers named below; the source, the mouth, the general direction, and the principal places situated upon it—Danube, Ganges, Mississippi, Nile, St. Lawrence, Volga.
9. Where are Calcutta, Dublin, Formosa, Lisbon, Mauritius, Moscow, Pekin, Quebec, Rome, San Francisco, Lake Superior, Vienna?
10. In what countries are the following articles chiefly produced or found?—Tea, coffee, sugar, corn, rice, wine, cotton, wool, gold, silver.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.*Education Office, Hobart Town, 30th June, 1876.***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, 1877, 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, 1877.

II. It is also notified that Six Exhibitions of the value of £16 13s. 4d., tenable for one year from 1st July, 1877, 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, 1877.*

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. 1714 to A.D. 1820.
 - B. Sacred History.—From the death of Saul to the death of Ahab.
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, 1877, 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, 1877.

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, until the sanction of Parliament shall have been obtained.

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