

Register

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1889.

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

[Masters' and Examiners' Reports, Prize lists, and other formal matter included in the subjoined notices are charged for as advertisements.]

THE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL OF ST. PETER.

Wednesday was the annual speech-day of St. Peter's College. The scholars assembled in the forenoon in the large schoolroom, where they met His Excellency the Governor, Bishop Kennion, the Hon. J. C. Bray, several of the governing Council, a large number of old scholars, as well as numerous ladies. Before the speeches began the following programme was carried out:—Instrumental duet; chorus, "Where, O where is the Life?" recitation, "Pitt and Fox (Scott), Campbell I.; recitation, "The Road to the Trenches, January, 1855," Ayers II.; solo and chorus, "The Innocent may well be Bold;" recitation, "Laodamia" (Wordsworth), Poole, I; solo and chorus, "For your pleasure here am I;" recitation, "Our Society upon the Stanislaus" (Bret Harte), Ayers I.; chorus, "Early we meet;" recitation, "Brutus and Cassius" (Shakespeare), Brown and Douglas; chorus, "Dulce Domum."

Bishop KENNION, who was received with cheers, said they met under peculiar circumstances. In England they had often seen a man-of-war come home from its voyage in foreign parts, and was about to be paid off. Those on board had mingled feelings, because happy companionships were to be severed. Now the ship of the good school of St. Peter's was approaching the port with colours flying. (Cheers.) It had wrested laurels from the University in a manner which no school in the city had ever done before. (Loud cheers.) They had wrested laurels from those who had competed with them on the field, while on the river they had once obtained the championship, so that colours were flying on every mast, and the faces of the boys were beaming with happiness. There was, however, one thought that cast its shadow upon the subject, and that was that the gallant commander of the ship would not be again sailing in the same vessel. He was taking the well-merited rest which his twenty-eight years of hard service had entitled him to receive. (Cheers.) When Mr. Williams looked back and reflected one source of satisfaction to him would be that the power of the influence he had exerted for good would not terminate with the work he was doing as head master, but would live in the lives of those whom he had helped while their characters were being formed, and who would always appreciate him. (Prolonged cheers.) The Council of Governors had placed on record the following resolution:—"That the President and Council of Governors of the Collegiate School of St. Peter, Adelaide, desire to place on record their high sense of the manner in which the Rev. Francis Williams, M.A., has devoted himself to the interests of the school during the last twenty-eight years, and of the zeal and ability with which he has discharged his onerous duties." It was in the minds of the Governors to give some kind of permanent expression to the sentiment, which he hoped would be of a kind to be for ever associated with the school. There were several new departures which the Governors hoped

would make the school more popular. An Act had recently become law which materially affected the constitution of the governing body. In the future it would no longer be a kind of close Corporation, but fresh blood would be brought into the Board of Management, and the people more immediately concerned would have a greater share in the working of the school, as they would have the power to return one or more Governors. (Cheers.) The school would then be more in harmony with its surroundings in the colony than in the past. Large public schools exercised a great influence. Three things should be attended to—the physical, intellectual, and moral growth of those who attended the school. The chief thing was the moral tone of the boys, and every boy after he left should be able to say that he had done some good at the school. Mr. Williams was appearing in his robes of office amongst them for the last time, and he was sure they would all wish him “God-speed” and God’s blessing in the quiet and peaceful home in which he hoped to pass many years of happiness. (Prolonged cheers.) Before concluding the Bishop mentioned that steps were being taken to have an annual boat race between representatives of the Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide Church of England Colleges. Every one, he was sure, would hope that the scheme would be brought to a successful issue. (Cheers.)

The HEAD MASTER (Rev. F. Williams) then read his report. He said:—

My first word must be one of very heartfelt thanks to the Council for the minute which they have passed, and which his Lordship has just read. But one thing I must say about it. All that any Head Master could have done for a school would have been useless and ineffectual unless the Governors had been content to resign and to let him govern. It was a common phrase at the meetings of the Council, “If the Head Master wants anything let him have it.” My experience in that respect has had no exception whatever. Whether the school thrived or whether it began to decline still it was the same, and whatever the Head Master wanted the Council were always agreeable and willing to give him. Your Lordship has spoken of the school as being in the position of a ship, and in so doing you recall to my mind the advice of the late Bishop Short. When my predecessor had resigned his office I went, as in duty bound, to him as a visitor to know whether I should accept the office of acting Head Master the Council wanted me to take. What the Bishop said was—“You are in the position of a first mate of a ship. The captain has fallen overboard, and it is your business to take the ship into port.” So it is very gratifying to me to have the assurance of one whose judgment I can safely be guided by that I have not wrecked her. In taking charge seven years ago I did so with the thought that, under the peculiar circumstances of the school at the time, I might, though older than a Head Master ought to be on appointment, and though or perhaps because I was not a new man, be able during a short tenure of office—five years was the time I gave myself to bring about, or at least to work for, four much-needed things, and, those done, at once to make way for a younger man. My programme was not extensive, nor perhaps very elevated in its aims. It contained only four points—Peace, the lowering of the school fees, the admission of the sons of clergymen of the Church of England at half-fees, and a thorough revision of the statutes under which the school was governed. The last of my four aims was attained only a few weeks ago by your Excellency’s consenting to the Collegiate School of St. Peter’s Amendment Act; and so, whatever had been the state of the school or my own personal state, I should feel that now my work was done the best service I could render to the school, which has been my home since 1882, was to go out of it, and make way for the successor whose path it had been my function, or at least my desire, to smooth. (Cheers.) During my first term, at the beginning of

1882, the number of boys was 110. At the end of 1885 the number I think was 212. During the next term typhoid fever came and blighted it and me, and the school had for a time to be closed. Since then in numbers it has gradually declined till this term we count only 135. Naturally in this, then, the last year of what I have always looked upon as an interregnum, I have not attempted the introduction of many novelties, thinking the future would be best served by acting upon the old lines, except where I could anticipate a change my successor intended to make. I have ventured to introduce shorthand, and I should have liked to have continued this year what I began last year, namely, that of asking some gentlemen outside to give a series of lectures to the boys, each gentleman to choose his own subject. Last year Dr. Campbell very kindly gave his ambulance lectures, and I fully intended to have victimized him or some one else again this year, but it was one of the points I missed through preoccupations. I mention this here because it would pain me much were any one to think we were unmindful of and ungrateful for Dr. Campbell's kindness, or that the result of the experiment was anything but an unqualified success. After what the Bishop has said of our work I feel like telling a tale already told, but as the Head Master's report is something of a record I suppose I must go through it. In the University examinations our record this year is above the average both in quantity and quality. (Cheers.) For the preliminary examinations we sent in 23 boys, and 19 of them passed. (Cheers.) Of the 4 who failed, each failed in one subject only. For the junior 12 boys entered, 9 passed, 8 being in the first class. For the senior examination 14 boys were sent in, and we scored off them 5 firsts, 3 seconds, and 4 thirds. That is, out of 49 candidates, from the school we passed 40. (Cheers.) To look at the examinations from another point of view. Of the credits given in the senior examinations for English, out of 30 given 8 fell to us; for Latin, out of 8 given 6 fell to us; for Greek, out of 3 given 3 fell to us; for pure mathematics, out of 10 given 5 fell to us; and for chemistry, out of 5 given 5 fell to us. (Cheers.) I have a slightly malicious satisfaction of calling your attention to the gratifying fact that Mr. Lindon had sole charge of the English, Latin, and Greek scholars. (Cheers.) If I may for once—the first and last time—tell tales out of school, I may say that he thought another arrangement for the English might have been better, but the results show what has often happened before has happened now, viz., that a man is not always the best judge of the work he can do, and do well, and the results must be as gratifying to Mr. Lindon as they are to all of us. (Cheers.) Of the two candidates who failed in the senior, both I have no doubt would have passed had we been content to strip them of every unnecessary weight, and train them only in what would pass them. Our function here is to educate, and that is not education; and though I cannot expect everybody here to agree with me I hold that it is distinctly better, especially for a boy intended for professional life to enter upon the preparation for it with a good general culture, even if it costs another year, than to be crammed to scrape through, only to find delay and still greater failure in the examinations, which still lie ahead. It may be asked, how far are the results of the University examinations corroborated by our own school examinations. Our own papers throughout the lower as well as the upper part of the school fully bear them out. As we have admitted fewer boys than usual during the last nine months the classes have consequently been smaller and less disturbed by newcomers, and there is a real lift in the standard all the way down. The rise is most marked in English and arithmetic. Next to the University examinations comes the art examinations. Out of 19 entries in May last we had 15 passes, 3 excellent, 4 good, and 8 passes. I anticipate an equally good result from the examinations of last month, but the lists are not yet posted. In shorthand some very good results were shown. The examiner gave to the highest boy 93 per cent. of marks. Boys would do better if they would remember that "shorthand" does not necessarily mean "easy hand," and would give to the subject the time for practice it demands of them at home. I lay on the table a number of drawing copies which I call strictly school work done in a forty minutes

lesson without any retouching. The outdoor life of the school has been as vigorous as that within the walls. For the swimming matches in March the entries were not numerous enough, because many boys live at a distance, but the races were well contested. The Athletic Sports Meeting in September was admittedly the best contested for years. We made a good fight at the football match; we won the boat race; at cricket we gave the Wanderers an afternoon's fielding, and we turned the tables in the match at the Oval. (Cheers.) This year there is no Old Collegians' Scholarship. The funds of the trust are as yet able to give the scholarship of £25 a year for three years, tenable at the University of Adelaide only two years out of three. Let me suggest that before 1892 they should make an effort to collect funds to give this scholarship every year. They like to see success in the examination lists. So do we. It will add no small stimulus to the boys to work for the senior to know that two boys who are the best in it can gain one an exhibition of £40 and the other £25 tenable for three years at the Adelaide University. I must express my sense of obligation to my colleagues during the last twelve months. It has been quite a novel experience to me to feel that so far from being able to pull an oar in the boat like everybody else, I had to trust to other people to keep the boat going while I sat still and steered. Everyone has given me as much help as he thought he could. Though it seems invidious to particularize any one I should be wanting in common gratitude if I did not mention Mr. Caterer's name. It has never been too late or too early, no matter whether it was his own work or mine or nobody's, while he was always anxious and ready to do anything that could make matters personally easier for me. (Cheers.) I should express my gratitude to Mr. Haynes for the ungrudging way in which during nearly the whole of last year, if not during the entire period, he has relieved me practically from all care of the chapel duty, which would have been a great strain upon me. The sixth form, too, have done a great deal to make matters easier and pleasanter, and while I shall be rejoiced for the holidays to begin, as much rejoiced as all of them yet still I shall feel that in parting from the sixth I am parting from a set of young men who have been friends as well as pupils. Of course the millenium is not come, but still I can honestly say the conduct of the boys on the whole has been very good. I omitted to mention that the Gething Scholarship was early this year awarded to Blackham secundus, whose name comes first class in the senior examination, and he is, I think, the youngest boy in that class. With such evidence as I have given of the tone and temper of the school and of the thoroughness of the work done in it, I think I may be permitted to add that as next year we shall see the school open with the same staff of masters, with only the all-important gain of the animating, revivifying influence of a new man in place of one whose work is done, next year should see a large influx of new boys. Our new Head Master brings to his duties youth, strength, University distinction, a varied experience in English schools of the modern type, and enough colonial experience in a difficult position to make him understand colonial life, and he has been sufficiently successful in it to make us confident of his success here. (Loud cheers.)

His Excellency then distributed the prizes according to the following class-lists:—

UNIVERSITY DISTINCTIONS, 1889.

- M.B.—F. Goldsmith, in the first class.
 LL.B.—T. H. Warren, R. Ingleby.
 M.A.—W. E. Cooke, B.A. (Honours in Mathematics).
 LL.B. (second year).—A. Bonnin, J. G. Gwynne.
 LL.B. (first year).—O. A. C. Bloxham, E. B. Andrews, E. W. Benham.
 B.Sc. (second year).—J. L. T. Isbister (second class).
 B.Sc. (first year).—H. B. Corbin (second class).
 M.B. and Ch.B. (first year).—H. O. Irwin (first class), Sir Thomas Elder's prize for physiology; C. Corbin (second class), J. J. Sangster (second class).
 M.B. and Ch.B. (second year).—W. B. Cavenagh (first class).
 M.B. and Ch.B. (third year).—H. Giles (second class).

SENIOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION.

F. G. Ayers	in the first class.
C. B. Blackburn	do. do.
J. W. Brown	do. do.
R. A. Campbell	do. do.
T. S. Poole	do. do.
E. D. Beck	in the second class.
T. W. G. Blackburn	do. do.
W. H. Gillman	do. do.
A. E. J. Russell	in the third class, March.
B. H. Allen	do. do., November.
W. H. C. Lovely	do. do., November.
E. I. Salom	do. do., November.
F. Sewell	do. do., November.

JUNIOR PUBLIC EXAMINATION.

R. T. Sholl	in the First Class.
E. J. Stuckey	do. do.
F. S. Stuckey	do. do.
N. J. Church	in third class.
J. F. Downer	do. do.
F. O. Stockwell	do. do.
E. A. Johnson	unclassified (over age).
C. B. Marryat	do. do.
S. B. Rees	do. do.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION.

F. J. Anthony	H. Laycock
E. F. W. Blackburn	W. Lewis
G. E. Blackmore	J. H. W. Makin
H. M. Boltho	G. C. Morphett
F. Bowen	W. G. Parkinson
C. T. Bray	T. S. P. Parkinson
A. Campbell	F. A. Tennant
N. J. Church	G. K. G. Warren
A. E. Davis	E. S. Wayland
A. D. Hayward	

ART EXAMINATIONS.

May, 1889.

Geometry.—Ayers ii, excellent; Brown, excellent; Beck, good; Daenke, good; Campbell iii, pass; Poole i., pass. 7 entered, 6 passes.

Freehand.—Hargrave, good; Ayers ii, pass; Edmunds i., pass. 4 entered, 3 passes.

Model.—Ayers ii., excellent; Hargrave, good; Clayton, pass; Edmunds i., pass; Gosse i., pass; Wakefield, pass. 8 entered, 6 passes.

November, 1889.

Geometry.—Lewis i., excellent; Church i., good; Marryat, good; Stockwell, good. The Freehand and Model lists are not yet out.

HONOUR LIST.

First Class.—VI. Form—Ayers i, Blackburn ii., Brown, Campbell iii., Poole i. V. Form—Sholl ii, Stuckey i, Stuckey ii. IV. Form—Davis, Bayly, Bray. III. Upper—Cruttenden, Moulden, Owen.

Second Class—VI. Form—Beck, Blackburn i, Gillman i. V. Form—Campbell ii. V. Modern—Edwards, Tennant, Connor. IV. Form—Swan, Morphett, Gosse i., Fisher. III. Upper—Campbell iv, Laffer i. III. Lower—Gower, Levi, Bosworth, Moncrieff. II. and I.—Morphett ii.

Third Class—VI. Form—Ayers ii., Allen i., Campbell i., Douglas, Lovely, Sewell i., Salom i. V. Form—Gillman ii., Church, Hayward, Marryat, Rees, Downer, Stockwell, Gurner, Warren, Clee, Knox i. IV. Form—Rutt i., Hodge, Edmunds ii, Makin ii, III. Upper—Ebbs, Howell iii., Meldrum i., Way i., Blackmore ii. III. Lower—Sanders, Rymill, Bower, Frampton. II. and I.—Smith i., Tweedie ii., Jones, Smith ii.

PRIZES.

1. Subjects.—French, presented by Sir Henry Ayers, K.C.M.G.—Sholl ii. German, presented by Sir Henry Ayers, K.C.M.G.—Poole i. Smith History prize, presented by Sir E. T. Smith, K.C.M.G.—Poole i. Bookkeeping, presented by D. Garlick, Esq.—Edwards.

2. For Success in Senior Public Examination.—First class—Ayers i, Blackburn ii., Brown, Campbell iii., Poole i. Second class—Beck, Blackburn i., Gillman i. Third class—Allen i., Lovely, Salom i., Sewell i.

3. For Success in the Junior Public Examination.—First class—Sholl ii, Stuckey i., Stuckey ii. Second class—None. Third class—Church, i., Downer, Stockwell. Unclassified (over 16 years)—Marryat, Rees.

4. Examination.—Upper School—Form VI., Brown. Form V. Class, Sholl ii. Form V. Modern, Edwards. Form IV. Upper, Davis; Lower, Gosse i. Lower School—Form III. Upper, Cruttenden. Form III. Lower, Gower. Forms II. and I., Morphett ii.

5. Diligence—Form VI., Poole i. Form V. Class, Stuckey i. Form V. Modern, Tennant. Form IV., Bayly. Form III. Upper, Moulden. Form III.

- Lower, Moncrieff. II and I., Smith ii.
 6. Choir.—Gillman ii., Fisher, Gosse ii.
 7. Singing-class—Music—Hargrave, Edwards.
 8. Prefect—Ayers i.
 9 Librarian—Campbell iii.
 10. Drawing Prizes—Ayers ii., Church i., Davis.
 11. Shorthand Prize—Sholl ii.
 12. Cricket.—Medal (presented by W. G. Randall, Esq.)—Hayward.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

- Young Exhibition (£40), Brown.
 Allen Scholarship (£10 a year, tenable two years), Ayers i.
 Prankerd Scholarship (£10 for one year), Sewell i.
 Bowman Scholarship (£10 for one year), Stuckey ii.
 Wyatt Scholarship, for physiology (£10, tenable for one year), Lovely.

Free Scholarship, George Goodhart.

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His Excellency the EARL of KINTORE, after distributing the prizes, ventured to say that the report which they had just heard had never been beaten as the report of a public school. He desired to avail himself of the opportunity of saying how gratefully he treasured the recollection of his first visit to St. Peter's College, and how touched he was with the highly successful endeavours of the boys to impress him with their desire to make him welcome in his new home. The means they adopted to that end were the means he most admired and valued. He congratulated the Head Master and those associated with him in tuition and the boys themselves on the credit their united labours had brought to the College. Mr. Williams could look back with proud satisfaction to the work now going on. He wished them a happy Christmas and a bright New Year, and he was sure they would welcome their new Head Master when they came back, and assure him of their determination not to fall back one iota from the high stand they had reached on the class-lists, the field, or the water. (Loud cheers.)

The Hon. J. C. Bray, M.P., and several other old scholars, including many prominent professional gentlemen of the city, then ascended a raised platform, and the Speaker of the House read the following address from the St. Peter's College old collegians:—

"Reverend and Dear Sir—We the undersigned, on behalf of the old scholars of the Collegiate School of St. Peter, desire on the occasion of your retirement from the head mastership of the school to testify the esteem which we entertain for you. When we learned that you felt compelled to seek a rest from the arduous duties which you had so long and ably carried out as a junior master, as bursar, and as head master of the school there was a universal feeling amongst the old scholars that we could not permit you to leave without assuring you of our admiration for those high principles which have been conspicuous throughout your career, and that we are not unmindful of the many services you have rendered to the institution in which we have ever continued to take an affectionate interest. We recognise that you have honourably maintained the best traditions of your high calling, and in resigning your position you have the supreme satisfaction of knowing that you have faithfully discharged a great trust. The reputation which the school has always maintained for imparting a sound education and the high moral tone for which it has been especially eminent have been in large measure due to your great ability, your unceasing devotion to work, your unwearying patience, your unswerving integrity of character, and the bright example you have set of the nobly unselfish life of a Christian gentleman. In asking you to accept the accompanying presentation we trust that it may please the Almighty to grant you renewed health and vigour. With cordial good wishes for the future happiness and prosperity of you self, Mrs. Williams, and family." Committee—J. C. Bray, Fred Ayers,

E. Willis Way, Joseph F. Stuckey, W. J. Belt, G. B. Soward, Leonard W. Bakewell, C. H. T. Hart, A. T. Magarey, H. S. Wyatt, C. E. Todd, W. H. Selway, jun., G. J. R. Murray, Rupert Ingleby, J. W. Downer, J. W. Colton, M. B. H. Jay, P. R. Stow. Hon. Secretaries—W. J. Randall, S. B. Labatt.

The address, which was signed by twenty members of the committee, was tastefully illuminated. The old scholars also presented silver fruit and fish sets of knives and forks in handsome cases, suitably inscribed. They will also give later other useful electro-plated ware.

Mr. BRAY apologized for the unavoidable absence of Sir J. W. Downer, K.C.M.G., Q.C., M.P., an old scholar. He asked Mr. Williams to accept the present with the best wishes of all the old scholars. They had not attempted to collect a large sum of money, but felt that they could not let Mr. Williams go without some mark of appreciation. (Cheers.)

The Rev. F. WILLIAMS feelingly replied. He spoke in the highest terms of the assistance he had always received from the old scholars during the whole term of his work. He would look upon the presents as symbolizing that the old scholars were most ready to acknowledge their master's claim to a share in everything they did. He had always found that the old boys were superabundantly grateful for what had been done for them at school. He wished to place on the list of members of the Old Collegians' Association an honour which he thought he could fairly claim after twenty-eight years of service in the school, although he had never actually been a scholar there. (Cheers.) From the bottom of his heart he thanked them for the sympathy they extended to him on his departure. (Loud cheers.)

Five of the elder scholars then mounted the platform, and T. S. Poole, on behalf of the school, presented the following address, which had been prepared by a scholar, to the Head Master:—

"Reverend and Dear Sir—We the undersigned, on behalf of the boys of this school, wish to express our sincere esteem for you and our gratitude for your kindness shown to us and to the scholars of this school during the twenty-eight years of your mastership. We can never sufficiently thank you for your kindness, and we seize upon this opportunity of showing our appreciation of your untiring and unselfish labour for our welfare; and while we express our regret that you are leaving us, we earnestly hope that you will meet with the same esteem and admiration that you have won during your career as a master here. By your strength of character, singleness of purpose, and devotion to duty you have taught us lessons higher than we can learn from the mere routine of our school work, and we trust that we shall not forget the straight path which you have marked out for us. May you yourself, Mrs. Williams, and family always enjoy the blessings of health and look back with pleasure on your life at this school. Signed by T. S. Poole, E. D. Beck, F. G. Ayers, A. Campbell, R. H. Allen."

Mr. WILLIAMS said he was very gratified at receiving such a handsome address. He wished them pleasant holidays and a larger share of happiness and hard work, for the two went together, than fell to the lot of most men. He very reluctantly bade them "good-by."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman and three cheers for Mr. Williams terminated the proceedings.

NORTH ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL.

On Wednesday afternoon the first speech day in connection with Messrs. Lyons and Maegraith's school took place in the Temperance Hall, North Adelaide. There was a good attendance of scholars and friends. His Worship the Mayor of Adelaide (Mr. L. Cohen, M.P.), who presided, complimented the principals upon the success which had attended their first year's duties. He impressed upon the boys the necessity of taking full advantage of their opportunities of learning. Hitherto office had been obtained by men on account of their riches and bounty, but it would not be so. Education, which would be regarded as the standard, was the wealth of the community, and he believed that in the time to come political economy would be part and parcel of the education of the older boys. He had spoken to several principals, and they agreed with him that it would be a benefit for the community if the principles of political economy were expounded in the schools and the lads trained to take an interest in their country's affairs. Mr. Lyons then read the annual report, showing that the school had progressed satisfactorily, and the results attained by the lads were very creditable. During the afternoon some of the scholars sang two choruses, "Among the Lilies" and "Jovial Beggars;" Master J. Forrester recited "The Women of Mumbles Head," and Master E. Whittington "The Old Actor's Story," the latter being adjudicated the better of the two. Master H. F. Archer with some promise sang "The Old Brigade." A mental arithmetic competition was also included in the programme. The Chairman then distributed the prizes, as follows:—

Sixth Form.—F. R. Joyner, Dux of the School; E. Whittington, English and Latin; B. Whittington, mathematics and Latin.

Fifth Form.—H. Williams, Euclid and Latin; P. Millington, history and geography; L. H. Cornish, industry; O. K. Joyner, arithmetic; B. Maegraith, English.

Fourth Form.—B. Giles, English and arithmetic; G. Lyons, geography and history; W. S. Bright, general proficiency.

Third Form.—E. Paqualin, Latin and Euclid; O. Goldsmith, arithmetic and grammar; L. Archer, penmanship; H. Lyons, geography.

Second Form.—C. Ebbs, grammar and Latin; F. Lyons, history and geography; S. Joyner, arithmetic.

First Form.—C. Forester, spelling and dictation; S. Williams, industry.

Special Prizes.—The Mayor's Prize, value one guinea, presented by the Chairman for "Regularity and Punctuality," H. F. Archer; English literature, value one guinea, presented by Mr. T. B. Bright, F. R. Joyner; elocution, value one guinea, presented by Mr. F. Johnson, E. Whittington; good conduct, boarders, presented by a lady friend, W. Mules; do., day scholars, do., J. Forrester; drawing, G. Lyons; German, presented by Herr L. Crews, B. Giles 1, W. Williams 2, W. S. Bright 3; writing, presented by Mr. A. Joyner, A. Winter; penmanship, presented by Mr. A. Joyner, B. Whittington.

UNIVERSITY PASSES DURING THE YEAR.

Senior Public Examination.—Mr. T. H. Jones, English, German, physics (with credit); F. R. Joyner, English, mathematics, Latin.

Preliminary Examination.—Mr. T. H. Jones, P. Millington, L. H. Cornish.

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After the prizes had been presented the Chairman was awarded a vote of thanks and three cheers for the boys. The walls were furnished with creditable specimens of penmanship, mapping, and drawing, the work of the scholars.

GLENELG GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The annual musical festival and distribution of prizes in connection with the above school were celebrated in the Glenelg Town Hall on Wednesday evening, December 18.

There was a large attendance of scholars—past and present—and their friends. The Mayor of Glenelg (Mr. W. L. Ware) presided. The school singing-class, under the direction of Mr. T. W. Lyons, rendered several glees and choruses during the evening. Recitations also formed part of the entertainment, and the boys, who were coached by Mr. R. J. Lavis, acquitted themselves admirably. The following took part:—Masters Buchanan, Caterer, Edwards, Goode, L. and C. Henderson, C. and G. Stanton, and Wilson. A pleasing incident during the evening was a presentation to Mr. J. Thomson, one of the masters, from the scholars, and the Chairman, in handing over the present—a beautiful album—referred to the good feeling manifested by the scholars towards their teacher. Mr. Thomson feelingly acknowledged the gift. Mr. W. Hack, an old friend, generously offered a prize of five guineas to be competed for by the boys next year. The same gentleman proposed a vote of thanks, on behalf of the parents, to Mr. Caterer, the principal, for the untiring manner in which he had brought the boys on. Mr. E. P. Nesbit also promised a donation for next year, and proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, who, in his reply, gave a similar promise. The following is the principal's report:—

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen—Glenelg Grammar School has entered upon its twenty-first year, and we are proud to say that our success has been most marked in this year of our majority, and although there are many things that might be improved we have great reason to take courage and go forward. As no doubt most of you are aware, the sale of Erskine House, which for nine years served so well as a schoolhouse, necessitated removal, but through the kind courtesy of Mr. W. F. Stock, M.P., we were able to secure the commodious premises we now occupy, and which we trust will induce many new resident pupils to avail themselves of the advantages we can now offer. The proximity to the sea and baths, large recreation grounds, as well as opportunities for boating, which we anticipate will become very popular, should place us in a position second to none in the colony for healthful recreation. Through the kindness of the late Mayor and the members of the Corporation we were granted permission to hold our annual athletic sports on "The Colley Reserve," and as usual they proved a great success. The handsome school cup, the present of an old scholar, was won by A. P. Goode, who, following in the footsteps of his brother, proves to be no mean athlete. The champion trophy, a valuable clock, presented by Messrs. Stevenson Brothers, was secured by Balk; the half-mile prize by Wilson. Our "Old Boys" have again done well in the Medical School, Powell and Seabrook in the third year, and Goode in the first year having passed successfully. The "Dux" for the year is Bonnin, who has fully earned the distinction. As prefect he has gained the respect of the boys and the esteem of the masters. We wish him every success in the Medical School, which he proposes to enter after a well-earned holiday. Messrs. Dalby and Thomson, I am pleased to say, still continue upon our staff, and I would here tender them my sincere thanks for their interest in the welfare of the school, as well as for the successful conduct of the various classes.

Our old friend Mr. Lyons still has charge of the music and singing, and has met with his usual success.

Herr Drews still takes the classes in German and drawing, and a French class has been formed under Mons. Bircher, which, I trust, will next year increase in numbers.

My sister, Miss Caterer, now has charge of the juniors, and under her care the little ones are making rapid progress.

Bill under Master-Gunner Anson, has been commended. He reports satisfactory progress in all respects.

The Hon. Dr. Magarey last year gave a prize to be

competed for. The subject selected, with his consent, was "Pure Mathematics," and Bonnin was the successful competitor, winning by 15 marks.

The cricket and football matches, on the whole, have been well contested under their respective captains, Hack and Balk, and have served their purpose in exciting a healthy rivalry. Since removing to St. Leonards the boarders have successfully introduced a Saturday evening amusement club. Musical evenings and lecturesses have given great pleasure to the audience. It is proposed to continue these entertainments.

With reference to the work of the year. The results, as proved by the University examinations, have proved most satisfactory. At the preliminary held in September seven were entered from Glenelg Grammar School—one of these was not in actual attendance, having left last Christmas, but had been to no other school. With this one we passed no less than six out of seven, the only failure being in composition. This, I feel, was rather severe upon the boy, who has certainly considerable ability in this direction. According to promise in my last annual report I did not send up to the Junior Public Examination this year, preferring rather to run on for the two years, and entering only for the Senior Public. In this I made an error of judgment, and next year we shall resume the usual course. We sent two for the Senior Public Examination, both of whom passed. Bonnin in the second class (6), and Caterer third class (4).

The terminal and weekly examinations have proved fairly successful, and I would here again impress upon the parents the necessity for interesting themselves in weekly results as shown upon the cards, and enquire generally into their work. We do not ask you to do the work for them, but manifest some interest in the progress made. This, I think would stimulate some of the dilatory ones to greater enthusiasm.

Subjoined is the prize-list:—

PRIZE LIST.

"Dux"—Gold medal, Bonnin.

Special Prize for Senior Public Examination.—Bonnin, Caterer.

Special Prize for Pure Mathematics (given by Hon. Dr. Magarey, M.L.C.)—Bonnin.

Special Prize for Passing Preliminary Examination.—Wilson, Richardson, Hack, Goode ii., Stanton ii.

Mapping.—1st. room, A. G. Wilson; 2nd room, F. W. Baines; 3rd room, J. Thompson.

Writing (presented by W. C. Rigby, Esq.)—Lillecrapp; Sheppard, 2; West, 3.

German (special prize presented by Herr Drews).—Wilson, Nesbit, i.

Freehand Drawing.—Stanton i, Goode ii.

Special Prize for Elocution.—1st room, Stanton; 2nd room, Henderson.

Music.—Caterer. Singing.—VI. Form—A. P. Goode. V.—Wilson, Richardson, Hack, Goode ii. IV.—Lillecrapp, Nesbit, Addison. III.—Edwards i., Miller, White. II.—Crosby, Hack iii., Thornton. I.—Pontfex, Solomon ii., Morison. Lower I.—Varley.

Juniors.—Edgar Smith, Ernest Stone, Percy Bagsbaw.

Attendance.—Dowling, Correll.

General Improvement.—Cudmore.