



REPORT

OF THE

GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

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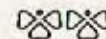


For the Year ending July 29th,
1916.



EXAMINATION RESULTS

For the Year ending July, 1916.



Chartered Accountants' Preliminary, November, 1915.

Passed : G. Greenhalgh, F. Wilkinson.

Cambridge University Local Examinations,
December, 1915.

Senior, Pass : F. Wilkinson.

Junior, Pass : C. N. Aldred, A. Crompton, J. A. Lyle, S. Wray.

Preliminary, Honours : E. S. Chapman, distinguished in
Algebra ; P. P. Crossley.

College of Preceptors, June, 1916.

Senior, Pass : C. Walton.

Junior, Honours : C. N. Aldred, distinguished in Arithmetic,
Algebra, Mensuration and Latin ; S. Wray, distinguished
in Arithmetic and Latin ; E. S. Chapman, distinguished
in Arithmetic ; J. A. Lyle, distinguished in Arithmetic ;
A. Crompton, distinguished in Arithmetic and Mensuration ;
T. H. Ferrie.

Pass : P. P. Crossley, J. D. Davies, W. H. Horan.

Preliminary, Honours : V. R. W. Thomas-Evelyn, distinguished in English, Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra and Drawing; W. F. Scott, distinguished in Arithmetic, Algebra and French.

Pass : R. S. Kirkpatrick, distinguished in Arithmetic and French; C. F. B. Jacobson; J. Burdekin; T. M. Riley; R. Talbot (on Junior papers); S. Rimmer, distinguished in Arithmetic; K. R. Clitherow-Smith; H. R. Morley; J. W. Unsworth; E. Wilkinson and R. Woodhead.

Form Prizes, Christmas, 1915.

Sixth Form : (a) F. Wilkinson; (b) C. N. Aldred and S. Wray; (c) E. S. Chapman.

Fifth : W. H. Horan. **Fourth :** H. Blakeley.

Third : T. G. Owen. **Preparatory :** T. C. Riley.

Midsummer, 1916.

Sixth Form : (a) C. Walton; (b) C. N. Aldred; (c) P. P. Crossley.

Fifth : 1st, W. F. Scott; 2nd, R. S. Kirkpatrick.

Special : V. R. W. Thomas-Evelyn (prevented from finishing examination by an accident).

Fourth : 1st, W. L. B. Hale; 2nd, W. G. Jones.

Third : 1st, E. Moss; 2nd, G. A. Robertson.

Preparatory : C. Tyler.

Revision Prizes.

September, 1915, Form VI. : (a) F. Wilkinson; (b) C. N. Aldred. **January, 1916 :** S. Wray. **Easter, 1916 :** C. Walton and J. A. Lyle. **Form V. :** J. G. Challen.

Work of July in the Upper Division.

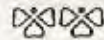
The examinations of the College of Preceptors conclude late in June or early in July; after which there are four more weeks of school work. These are devoted to certain subjects which are by no means unimportant, but that time is found to be the most convenient for giving them special attention. In addition, examinations in these and a few others not undertaken by the College of Preceptors are in progress up to the last day of the term. The omission of this further training from a boy's school experience is certain to be detrimental to both his future school career and his general education.

Preparation for Professional Preliminary Examinations.

Experiences of late years tend to emphasise the lesson that it is wise to complete such preparation as is above referred to before the end of the school career. In school expert and sufficient guidance is available during hours when the mind is best capable of profiting thereby; while after entrance on any new career the case becomes very different. Hours of study are then necessarily much curtailed and must, as a rule, be taken largely from time which should be devoted to recovering from the fatigues of the daily employment. Usually, also, tutorial guidance must be individual, and, when adequate for the purpose, is really more expensive than school training.

It is important to remember as well that the general culture which should be the outcome of experience in the highest form of a good school is a great aid to success when later professional examinations are undertaken. For any career in life it is of material advantage that the appropriate subjects of training should be reached at school, and, when possible, have opportunity there of suitable revisions, with a view to approaching some reasonable degree of maturity.

RETROSPECT.



During forty-four years the school has provided Higher Education of the First Class. The meaning of this statement as well as its justification will probably be best shown by an enumeration of the leading results gained in Examinations during the period referred to. *These have all been obtained by ordinary pupils of the School, without the aid of selected scholars attracted into it from other schools by artificial means.* The average attendance for the whole time has been about 100, drawn from Eccles and the districts around.

University Matriculation and Preliminary Examinations.—Seventeen first divisions.

Oxford and Cambridge Locals.—Over eighty Certificates in Honours (twenty in First Class) and many distinctions in every class of subject.

College of Preceptors' Locals.—Over fifty First Class Honours and thirty-four Higher Commercial Certificates, one First and two Third Prizes for General Proficiency, five First and four Second Prizes for Mathematics, one Second Prize in English Subjects, First places in ten different Subjects.

Over 1,000 Certificates in all have been gained in the three principal Local Examinations.

Scholarships, &c.—A Lancashire County Council Scholarship of £60 for 3 years for Proficiency in Secondary School Subjects, a Gilchrist Scholarship of £50 for 3 years, a Manchester Corporation School of Technology Scholarship of £60 for 3 years and another of £30 for 3 years, two Lancashire County Council Exhibitions of £20 for 2 years, four of £15 for 2 years, and one of £12 for 3 years, with a number of others.

Mercantile Certificates.—It has been a settled policy with us to endeavour to satisfy new requirements in Education as they arise. So long as the Local Examination Authorities continued their experiments in regard to special Certificates for Mercantile subjects this school took a leading place amongst those which competed successfully. On one occasion four Certificates were taken out of eleven awarded throughout the country. In Oral French Examinations instituted by the College of Preceptors in 1890, the school has frequently presented candidates who have passed with credit.

Science and Art Department.—During the twenty years ending in 1896, about 1,500 Science and Art Certificates were gained; but it should be added that these are granted for single subjects. Nearly 300 of them were accompanied by prizes. About the year mentioned the methods and conditions of the Department changed; and its examinations failed to be advantageous to the school. During our connection with it the school was open to the visits of its inspectors and of a Committee of local gentlemen; and since then it has been visited by Government inspectors twice, and by both the late and the present Director of Education for Lancashire. These facts are mentioned as evidence that the Head Master has never objected to inspection calculated to ensure that the

functions of the school are performed in an honourable and business-like manner under circumstances likely to secure the health and comfort of the pupils. He is of opinion, however, that, as regards details of management, method and routine, the widest scope and freedom should be permitted to long experience, special knowledge of the circumstances, and such originality as the director of the school may possess, more especially when, as in our case, the principle of judgment on results is willingly accepted. It is only on such conditions that any Head Master can bestow due attention on the special requirements of the localities around him.

