



REPORT

OF THE

Grammar School ECCLES



*For the Year Ending July 31st
1917*

EXAMINATION RESULTS

For the Year ending July 31st, 1917.

**Cambridge University Local Examination,
December, 1916.**

Junior Honours : First Class, S. Wray, with distinctions in English Language and History; **Second Class**, C. N. Aldred, with distinction in Mathematics.

Pass : E. S. Chapman, P. P. Crossley, T. H. Ferrie. These three all passed in Spoken French.

Preliminary Honours : Third Class, R. S. Kirkpatrick, with distinction in French; W. F. Scott. These both passed in Spoken French.

Pass : J. R. Kirby.

College of Preceptors, June, 1917.

Senior Honours : C. N. Aldred.

Pass : S. Wray, with distinction in History; T. H. Ferrie.

Junior Pass on Senior Papers : E. S. Chapman.

Junior Honours : P. P. Crossley, with distinction in Drawing.

(NOTE—The remainder of this list is Alphabetical)

Pass : R. S. Kirkpatrick, H. R. Morley, T. M. Riley, K. R. Clitherow-Smith.

Preliminary on Junior Papers : L. H. M. Playfair, S. Rimmer, W. F. Scott, R. Woodhead.

Preliminary Pass : J. G. Aynscough, H. Blakeley, with distinction in French ; S. Butler, G. N. Coop, C. W. Greenlees, W. L. B. Hale, with distinctions in English, Algebra, French ; H. Jones, distinctions in English, Arithmetic, French ; W. G. Jones, with distinction in French ; R. Kirby, J. W. Unsworth, R. L. Whipp, A. Wilkinson, A. J. Winkup.

Form Prizes, Christmas, 1916.

Form VI. : (a) S. Wray ; (c) R. S. Kirkpatrick.

Form V. : K. R. Clitherow-Smith.

Form IV. : T. G. Owen.

Form III. : T. C. Riley.

Preparatory : G. Shaw.

Midsummer, 1917.

Form VI. : (a) C. N. Aldred ; (b) P. P. Crossley ; (c) K. R. Clitherow-Smith.

Form V. : 1st, W. L. B. Hale ; 2nd, J. W. Unsworth.

Form IV. : 1st, E. Moss ; 2nd, G. B. Graham.

Form III : 1st, J. F. L. Cowin ; 2nd, J. F. Drury.

Preparatory : G. Church.

Revision Prizes.

Form VI., September, 1916 : Ferrie ; Hon. Mention : Aldred, Chapman.

January, 1917 : Ferrie ; Hon. Mention : Wray, Crompton.

Easter, 1917 : (a) Ferrie ; Hon. Mention : Aldred, Wray, Chapman ; (b) Scott ; Hon. Mention : Kirkpatrick ; (c) Woodhead ; Hon. Mention : Morley.

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, not only when later professional examinations are undertaken, but also during either professional or mercantile careers.

The College of Preceptors.

It is appropriate here to explain the function assigned in the school routine each Midsummer to the College of Preceptors' Examinations.

The College is a chartered society of experts in the science and art of school education, which establishes and controls at many centres examinations suitable for pupils of schools.

The Head Master of a school who presents candidates at one of these centres receives afterwards a confidential report respecting each of them, which is sufficiently detailed to be valuable to him for future reference. Each pupil also, whose training is found to be sufficiently advanced, obtains a certificate which may have distinct value at some future period. Those who do not succeed in this regard in a public examination still acquire experience, and their nerves are braced up for future efforts if the examination is conducted on the policy that failure is deemed of itself no crime, but quite possibly an advantage.

Taking these considerations into account, it is evidently both feasible and advantageous to all concerned for the Head Master to present complete upper forms at the same examination; and when this is done, the leading subjects of each of those forms are taken by all its pupils alike and under the same circumstances, which results in a material saving of time for both pupils and masters.

On these grounds the Midsummer Examination of the College of Preceptors has been adopted as part of the routine of the School for its Upper Division. This fact is clearly stated in the School prospectus.

By means of a moderate fee charged for each of our candidates, aided by a material subscription from the Head Master, it is possible to arrange for our own School to be dealt with as a separate centre of examination. This saves considerable expenses in money and time which are incurred when the centre of examination is at a distance.

RETROSPECT

During forty-five 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.*

University Matriculation and Preliminary Examinations.—Seventeen first divisions.

Oxford and Cambridge Locals.—Over ninety Certificates in Honours (twenty-one 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. In Oral French Examinations, first 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.

