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Board of Public Examiners
31st March 1860

At a Meeting of the Board held this day:—

Present

Mr Watermeyr President
Thomas Maclear Esq.
Revd Mr White
Professor Childe
Dr I. Rose Innes

A draft of the First Annual Report of the Board was read by the President, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to frame the draft.

The draft having been read and Considered, was, with a few verbal alterations, approved and adopted

It was moved by Dr Innes and resolved, that the two Sections of the Board, namely the Literary

and Scientific, Consider and Report on Such works ~~as~~ as they may deem desirable or necessary to be in the Board's Library.

Professor Childe's Notice respecting the Course of Study to be recommended for Candidates for the Certificate on the Theory of Civil Engineering; - as also Notice Specting a Candidate's passing Examination, at the same Session, for a "Second Class" Certificate and for One on the Theory of Land-Surveying, was referred to the Examiners in Science, for Report.

The President and Secretary were appointed to superintend the printing of the Board's Report and its Appendices.

E. Clarke Meyer.

Library of Board of Public Examiners
5th May 1860

At a Special Meeting of the Board held this day:—
Present.
Mr Watermeyr, President
Mr Maclean
Revd Mr White
Dr Dale
Professor Childe
Dr Innes

The President stated that he had summoned this Meeting to take into consideration a Letter from the Colonial Secretary, communicating the sentiments of the Government on various subjects touched on in the Board's Report.

The Letter was read by the President and the various subjects discussed.

In respect to an Annual Examination of Candidates for the

Public Service in the Eastern Pro:
it was resolved:- as follows-

The Board having considered the proposition contained in the Letter of the Colonial Secretary of the 23rd of April, resolve that as an experiment, the Examination for the Public Service be held at Port Elizabeth in January, as nearly as possible simultaneously with that in Cape Town fixed for the first Tuesday in January 1861 :- for which purpose it will be necessary to obtain an Alteration of the Act, 4, 1858, so that power shall be given to a Commissioned Member of the Board to preside at such an Examination - the Law at present providing that all Examinations shall take place in presence of the Board; and it will likewise be necessary, that power should be given to such Commissioned

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Library of the Board of Public
Examiners 2d June 1860

At the Ordinary Quarterly Meeting of
the Board:—
Present:—

Mr Waterman
Mr Maclean
Dr Dale
Professor Childs
Revd Mr White
Dr Innes

The Minutes of the Special Meeting
held on the 6th of May were read
and confirmed.

The Secretary informed the Board
of the arrival from England of a
hundred Copies (engraved as directed
by the Board) of the Form of Certificate
to be issued to Candidates for Clerk=
ships in the Public Service, who have
passed their Examination;—as also

of a Steel die of the Board's Seal,
with a Stamping Press and a Supply
of Seal-wafers.

The Secretary laid before the
Board a list in duplicate of the
Candidates who had intimated
their desire to appear at the Preliminary
Examination to be held this day:-
all of whom were above 16 years of age.

The Board resolved that the
following Members be commissioned
to conduct this Examination, Namely
The Revd Mr White and Dr Innes;
and that they report the result
to an adjourned Meeting of the
Board to be held on Saturday
the 16th Instant.

Resolved that at the adjourned
Meeting the Board consider the Papers
to be used at the ensuing Public Service
Examination.

Wm Maclear

Library of the Board of Examiners
16th June 1860

At an adjourned Meeting of the Board
Present
Mr Maclean in the Chair
The Revd Mr White
Dr Dale
Professor Childe
Dr Changuion
Dr Innes.

In the absence of the President, engaged in the Supreme Court, Mr Maclean was called to the Chair.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the second instant were read and confirmed.

The following Papers, questions on Cuasy on the Constitution and passages with questions from the First Book of Caesar were submitted by the Examiners on Literature and approved for July Examination

The Papers on Arithmetic

Algebra and Geometry were also submitted by the Examiners on Science and approved.

Resolved that arrangements be made for the printing of the Papers and that the President and Secretary be appointed to take charge of the printing of the Papers.

H. B. Thompson

Board's Library 3d July 1860

At the Half yearly Session of the Board of Examiners

Present

Mr Watermeyer President

Revd Mr White

Dr Dale

Mr Maclear

Professor Childe

Dr Innes

The Secretary reported that in accordance with the resolution of the preceding Meeting, steps had been taken for the secret printing of the Serial Examination Papers required for the qualification of the Candidates on the Governor's List for the present Session.

It was resolved that the same order, in respect to Subjects, be observed, as in the session of January last, namely:—

Tuesday the 3d July, from half past 9 to half past 12 Creasy.

from ~~half~~ One P.M. to four. — Latin.

Wednesday, from half past 9 to half past 12 — Modern languages

Thursday — half past 9 to half past 12. — Arithmetic

from One to four — Algebra.

Friday - from half past 9 to half past 12. — Geometry
from Ohr to form - - - - - Physical Sciences.
The Examiners in the Several Departments then arranged in respect to the conducting of the Examination in the Several departments, the Examiner for the Paper on Cruisy, commencing the Session.

The Meeting was adjourned till the 9th instant to enable the Examiners to submit their report on the result of the Examination:—

S. H. Changuen

Rand Library 9th July 1860

At an adjourned Meeting of the Board of Examiners

Present

Mr Watermeyer President
Revd Fr White
Dr Champion
Dr Bale
Fr Sheehan
Professor Chalmers
Dr Jones

The Papers of the Examinees in Literature and Science were received.

In Literature the numbers were, in order of Merit, as follows:-

1. Roland Inman - 321
2. Johan Hendrik Dobbins - 309
3. Richard Tillard - 308
4. Daniel Frederik Pienaar - 296
5. Victor Douglas Dalbet - 295
6. Jan Cambier Faure - 228
7. Charles Henry Kingsley - 222
8. James Michael Bradford - 180
9. Charles Tennyson Paarlon - 180

10. Lawrence Rawstorne – 165
11. Edward Maeder – 160
12. Edmund L'Estrange Disney – 159
13. John Lombard – 145
14. John McLachlan – 112

In Mathematics the numbers, in order of merit as follows:–

1. Victor Douglas DeWet – 320
2. Johan Hendrik DeVillers – 253
3. Daniel Fredrik Benaye – 246
4. Roland Trimen – 215
5. Edmund L'Estrange Disney – 197
6. John Lombard . . . 175
8. Richard Tillard . . 161 ^
10. Charles Henry Kingsley . . . 145 ^
11. Jan Cambin Faure . . . 118
7. James Michael Bedford 165 ^
9. Charles Wemyss Pearson – 159 ^
12. Lawrence Rawstorne – 113
13. John McLachlan – 92
14. Edward Maeder – 71.

In Physical Science, the numbers, in order of Comparative Merit

were: —

1. Victor Douglas DeWet — 190
2. Roland Trimen — 180
3. Johan Hendrik De Villiers — 165
4. Charles Henry Kingsley — 140
6. John Lombard — 85
7. Jan Cambri Faure — 70
8. Daniel Fredrik Benange — 65
9. John McLachlan — 60
10. Edmund L'Estrange Dirney — 59
11. Lawrence Rawstorne — 40
5. Richard Tillard — 125
12. Charles Wemyss Pearson — 36
13. Edward Maeder — 25
14. James Michael Bedford — 20

It was agreed, that as, the order of Merit, in ~~each~~ which each, entitled to the Certificate of the Board, had passed, could not be decided at this Meeting, the Colonial Secretary be informed be informed of those who had passed, placing their names on the list in order of Comparative Merit.

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Brandi Library, 12th July 1860

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Examiners,
held at the request of the President,

Present

Dr. Champion
Dr. Dale
Mr. Thacker
Professor Childs
Dr. Innes

In the absence of the President, engaged in Court,
Dr Champion was called to the Chair.

The Secretary submitted the following
Statement of the Circumstances which had oc=
casioned the calling of a Special Meeting: —
One of the Candidates, Peter Douglas Gelbert, had
this evening two of the Papers on Chemistry & Physical Geography
had accidentally, at the preceding Meeting, doubts in
the mind of several of the Members of the Board,
as to the propriety of awarding him the numbers
for the Chemistry Paper, which was the highest, or, by the
list furnished by the Secretary he had chosen Physical
Geography as his subject in Physical Science.

Yesterday Mr Gelbert called on the President

and Secretary to explain that by the Rule 32, printed with others in an Appendix to the Bursary Regulations for 1859 he did not consider that he was required to give previous notice of the Optional Subjects in the Bursary Gymnasium which he had chosen to be examined on and that he had not done so: - that he had first discovered the Paper (Physical Geography) which had been given before him and had then taken up the Paper on Chemistry, - believing that the Board would award him the Prize which attended the highest on the two papers. On this he offered to substitute his Class for the Consideration of the Board.

The Secretary further stated, that on referring to the Printed Notice given in, in compliance with Rule 32, he found that no mention was made of Optional Subjects and that when he placed the Papers on Physical Science upon the Candidate's being furnished by the list in his hand and made no enquiries.

It was, likewise stated by the Secretary that in the Printed Notice published in the Gazette respecting the Examination in July 1860 intimation was given to Candidates, that, in addition to the necessary Attainments and Credentials required by Rule 32, they should state the Optional Subjects they had chosen

for examination; but that this Notice appeared at a date subsequent to Mr. De Wet's Letter of Notice.

On considering the whole Matter, the Members of the Board unanimously resolved, that the Members on the Subject of Physical Science awarded to Mr. De Wet be those assigned to his answers on the Paper on Chemistry, instead of those on Physical Geography, as given in by the Examiners on Science.

In order to prevent misunderstanding in future, it was resolved that printed forms of Notice required of each Candidate, in pursuance of the Rules of the Board respecting the "Public Service" Examinations, be supplied the Colonial Secretary, so that each Candidate, on his name being placed on the Governor's list, be required to fill up the Notice form, in order to its being transmitted with the Governor's authority for being examined, to the Secretary to the Board.

On the Returns of the Several Examiners the following was decided upon by the Board in respect to the Order of Merit in which the several Candidates passed, who were

entitled to the Certificate of the Board :-

First order of Merit

Victor Douglas Dubert

Second do

Johan Hendrik Debillius

Roland Trimen

Daniel Fredrik Bonanya

Third Order

Richard Tilbury

Charles Henry Kingsley

Jan Cambier Faure

Edmund L'Estrange Disney

John Lombard.

It was resolved that the Board meet on Saturday the 21st instant to sign the Certificates awarded to Candidates who have passed the Board and to take into consideration any other matters that may otherwise require to be disposed of.

W. Thompson

Board's Library 21st July 1860.

At a Meeting of the Board of Examiners held by appointment, for the purpose of signing Certificates;—

Present.

Dr. Changuion
Revd. Mr. White
Dr. Dale
Professor Childe and Dr. Innes.

The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 3d 9th and 12th instant were read and confirmed.

Professor Childe proposed that, in order to avoid ~~the~~ any ambiguity that might arise from the total of the absolute Minima having been inserted in the Public Service Certificates, the following words be written under the Scale of Marks,—"No Certificate is granted for less than 400 marks". It was also moved by Professor Childe that the total of the absolute Minima be not inserted in future in the ~~Second~~ ~~Class~~ Certificates. This was adopted by the Board.

The Secretary at the request of the President absent on duty, read a correspondence between him and Mr. MacLachlan of Stellenbosch on the subject of the Melancholy death of his Son.

It was resolved that the Minimum on Modern Languages in the P.S. Examination be thirty and that due Notice be given in the Gazette, after receiving the Sanction of the Government.

The Signing of the Certificates, for which this Meeting had been called, was postponed, until Mr. Horne shall have completed them in the form now agreed upon by the Board.

E B Wakeman

Bands' Library 5th August 1860.

At a Special Meeting held for the purpose of considering a Letter from the Government on the Subject of the Annual Examination to be held at Port Elizabeth in January next: -

Present:

Mr Watermeyer President
Sir Thomas Maclear
Dr Changuion
Professor Childs
Dr Innes

The Minutes of the Sederunt of the 21st of July were read and confirmed.

The Letter from Government on the Subject of the Annual Examination provided for by Act No 18. 1860 to be held in Port Elizabeth in January was read and considered.

A Scheme was submitted by Professor Childs and Dr Innes for the Superintendence of Subjects, to meet the case of the Port Elizabeth Examination, on the Second Examination days, which was approved.

In all matters of Subjects referred to, was the following: -

Tuesday 8th January 1861

Public Service Examination – Literature – two Papers
Theory of Land Surveying – Science – two Papers
Second Class Certificate – Science – two Papers

Wednesday 9th January

Public Service – Literature – One Paper
Surveying – Science – two Papers
Second Class Certificate – Science – two Papers

Thursday 10th January

Public Service – Sciences – two Papers
Surveying – Science – two Papers
Second Class – Science – two Papers

Friday 11th January

Public Service – Science – two Papers
Surveying – Science – One Paper.

Dr Changuion and Professor Childs were appointed Committee to conduct the Preliminary Examination to be held on the 1st of September

Board's Library 1st September 1860

At the Ordinary Meeting of the Board

Present

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the fifth Ultimo, were read and Confirmed.

The Secretary laid on the Table a List of the Candidates who had intimated their intention to appear at the Preliminary Examination to be held this day.

The Secretary read a Letter addressed to Government by Mr McLachlan Government Teacher at Stellenbosch, which had been referred to the Board for Report and which contained a request "that he be furnished with the Autographs of his late son, assumed to be at present in the possession of the Board of Public Examiners."

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Board's Library 1st December 1860

At the Quarterly Meeting of the Board
Present Sir Thos Maclean in the Chair
Dr Dale
Dr Charginion
Professor Childe
Dr Innes

Dr Dale & Dr Innes were appointed Commissioners to conduct the Quarterly Preliminary Examination

The following Papers were laid before the Board by the Library Section of the Board Public Service

Creasy on the Constitution

Cæsar Paper

Together with the other Papers on Classics and Literature required for the Several Examinations.

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Board Room.

12 Dec: 1860

At a meeting held this day were present

The Honble M^r. Justice Watermeyer, President.

Sir Thomas Maclear.

Rev^d. Canon Judge

Revd G. F. Childe

Dr. Innes (Secretary)

Dr Thanguron

Dr. Dale.

Dr. Dale presented all the Papers of the Literary Section, & stated that some were already in the Printer's hands.

The papers of the Scientific Section were not produced, but Dr. Innes stated that they were ready, requiring only arrangement before being handed to the Printer.

The President stated that his brother M^r. F. S. Watermeyer being the only Candidate for the First Class Law Certificate, he would be unavoidably absent from that portion of the annual Examination and proposed that in accordance with the 5th Section of Act 12 of 1858 the Governor be desired to appoint one or more fit persons to act as Examiners in his place during that portion of the Examination.

The President informed the Board that he had communicated with Mr. Justice Cloete & Mr. Justice Bell on the subject & those gentlemen had Expressed their willingness to take his place in as far as might be necessary.

He likewise stated that another brother of his, Mr. Christian Watermeyer, was a candidate for the Second-Class Law Certificate. But inasmuch as there were other candidates, the Papers prepared by him as Examiner in Law would be placed before his brother as well as the others.

It was likewise resolved that Dr. Innes should proceed to Port Elizabeth to preside at the Examinations there, Dr. Dale undertaking to act as Secretary in his absence.

C. P. Watermeyer.

1861. Saturday 5 January.

A meeting of the Board was held to conduct the special Preliminary Examination.

Present Sir T. Maclear. (Chairman.
Dr. Changuion
Revd Mr. Judge
Dr. Dale (acting Secretary).

Sir T. Maclear & Dr. Changuion, the two Commissioners appointed, proceeded to hold the Examination: one Candidate, Mr. Robert Cram, presented himself and the Commissioners duly reported that he passed the Examination to their satisfaction.

Arrangements were made by the Acting Secretary for the approaching Examinations & were approved by the Board.

The Secretary reported that the Revd Mr. Childe had undertaken the Superintendence of the printing of all the Mathematical Papers for the 2nd Class Certificate; that papers in German & Chemistry (both optional subjects) were in preparation;

E. Maclear.

1861. Tuesday, January 8th.

The Board assembled to commence the Examinations for the 2nd Class Certificate in Literature and Science, for the Certificate in the Theory of Land Surveying, and for the Public Service Certificate.

Present The Honble Mr. Justice Watermeyer
Sir Thomas Maclear
Revd. G. F. Childe
Dr. Dale, acting Secretary.

Eighteen Candidates presented themselves for the Public Service Examination — as follow —

1 Charles King
2 W. M. Fleischer
3 John Bell
4 W. Morkel
5 W. A. Krige
6 J. N. Russouw.
7 A. H. L. Morkel.
8 P. J. Blignaut
9 J. W. H. Russouw
10 R. Cram

11. Andries G. Watermeyer
12 Thomas H. Madeod
13 M. J. Bedford
14 Spencer Todd
15 L. G. Rawstorne
16 H. R. Bowler
17 George Ross Hemming
18 Sydney Carlisle.

Ten candidates, in Surveying, presented themselves, as follows —

1 J. Pistler
2 John Reid
3 Carl P. Watermeyer
4 Fred^k Doesel
5 Thomas W. Palin
6 A. Freislich
7 Wm Simpson
8 Garwood Alston
9 Jasper Loxton
10 Charles D. Fisher
11 Geo: Wm Smith Port Elizabeth

Four Candidates presented themselves for the 2nd Class Certificate in Literature & Science — as follows

1 Charles B. Elliott
2 Victor Douglas deWet
3 Ralph Wardlaw Thompson
4 Johannes H. deVilliers

The respective Examinations commenced at 9.30 AM and proceeded, as follows — January 8th

9.30 – 12.30	Public Service.	Essay on the Constitution
"	Surveying 1st Class	Arithmetic
"	2nd Class	Arithmetic.
1 to 4	Public Service	Cæsar
"	Surveying 1st Class	Algebra
"	2nd Class	Algebra.

The Examiners present in the Morning were.
Literature — Dr. Dale
Science. { Sir Thomas Maclear / Rev.d G. F. Childe

in the Afternoon, Dr. Chapman was present as Examiner in Literature; and the same Examiners in Science.

January 9th

9.30 – 12.30	P. Service.	Modern Languages
"	Survey 1st Class	Geometry
"	2nd Class	Plane Trigonometry

1 – 4. Survey. Plane Trigonometry
2nd Class Geometry.

Examiners, present, Morning Dr Chargeion, Literature
Morning & Afternoon. Sir T. Maclear } Science
Revd G. F. Childe }

January 10th

9.30 to 12.30 P. Service Arithmetic
Survey Spherical Trigonometry.
2nd Class ditto.
1 to 4 Public Service Algebra
Survey Astronomy
2nd Class Analytical Geometry & Conic Sections.

Present Morning & Afternoon,
Sir Thomas Maclear } Examiners in Science.
Revd G. F. Childe }

January 11th

9.30 to 12.30 Public Service Geometry
" Survey Problems.
" 2nd Class Physical Science (fixed)
1 to 4 Public Service Physical Science (optional)
" 2nd Class ditto

Examiners in Science, present
Sir Thomas Maclear
Revd. G. F. Childe.

The Examination of Candidates for the First & Second Class Law Certificates commenced on Monday January 14th at ½ past 9 A.M.
Present, The Honble. Mr. Justice Watermeyer
The Revd. G. F. Childe.
Dr. Dale, acting Secretary

1. Mr F. S. Watermeyer was the only Candidate for the 1st Class Law Certificate

1 Messrs. R. Powrie.
2 J. Buchanan
3 Christian J. Watermeyer
} were Candidates for the 2nd Class Law Certificate.

The Examination of Candidates for the 2nd Class Certificate in Literature & Science was continued —

The Papers were issued in the following order —