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**T**HE following Reports of the Examiners appointed to examine the Candidates for Government Scholarships are published for general information.

EDWD. JOLLIE,  
Provincial Secretary.

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Christchurch, March 23rd, 1870.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SIR,

We have the honor to report that we held, on the 15th and 16th instant, an examination of candidates for Government scholarships. We beg to submit herewith a statement of the marks obtained by each candidate. It will be seen that the four places of honor are taken in the following order:—Bean, 1st; Bird, 2nd; Herbert, 3rd; Knowles, 4th.

We have deemed it right to assign to Writing, as a mechanical art, and to Sacred History, as being learnt rather at home than at school, a lower maximum of marks than to

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the other subjects. The high number of marks gained by one candidate or another in each subject is partly due to our having set the standard of examination low in consideration of the youthfulness of those who were to be examined. We wish, however, to record our strong sense of the general ability indicated by the papers we have examined.

We have each prepared a separate report to accompany this.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient humble servants,

WM. JAS. HABENS.

JAS. GEO. HAWKES.

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Christchurch, March 23rd, 1870.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that the candidates for Provincial Government scholarships were examined by me on the 15th and 16th instant, in Arithmetic, Sacred History, and English Grammar and Composition; and that I acted in conjunction with Mr Hawkes in assigning marks for their Writing. The relative positions of the candidates in each subject appears in the statement appended to the joint report of the Examiners.

The examination in Arithmetic was confined within the limits prescribed by the Board. Bean, Bird, and Knowles would have been even more in advance of the rest if I had been at liberty to set a value on the answers given to a few questions in Vulgar and Decimal Fractions, Simple Proportion, and Simple Interest. Within the limits to which I was restricted, I found that the principal failing consisted in a very general inability to state a given problem in the form required for manipulation. Thus only one candidate attempted to compute the number of hours from 9 p.m., August 17, 1869, to 6 a.m., March 15, 1870. Boys, who showed great facility in handling the figures and thorough acquaintance with the rules and tables, were wanting in the power of applying the rules to special cases.

The tests of proficiency in Composition were necessarily of a very simple kind. I asked for no rules or theories of composition, but only required practical proof that the candidates knew how to use the marks of punctuation and the conjunctions. The impression made by an inspection of the exercises written for this purpose, is that the Art of Composition is neglected in our schools.

The most important general remark I can make upon the papers I have examined is that in the parts which depend on memory and constant practice they are very creditable, but faulty in every part where independent thought is required.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient humble servant,

WM. JAS. HABENS.

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Cashel Street West, Christchurch,

March 23rd, 1870.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that, in accordance with the wishes of the Board of Education, I, on the 15th and 16th instant, in conjunction with Mr. Habens, examined the candidates for the Government scholarships. The subjects which devolved on me were Geography, History (which I confined to English), Spelling, and Reading. The marks

for Writing were awarded conjointly by the Examiners. As a whole, the papers which I inspected were very creditable to the candidates; but, as you will see by the annexed table, Bean has far outstripped all his opponents, and deserves much praise for his correct, clean, and well-written papers. Great credit is due to Bird and Connal, two very young boys; and, in Geography, I would wish to make special mention of Ross (another very young candidate), who, although low in the list, evinced much talent and great perseverance. In this subject, I framed my questions chiefly to test the knowledge of the candidates of their mother and adopted countries, and am glad to state that their acquaintance with the history and general features of the latter is much greater than has been shewn on any previous examination.

Expressing my earnest wish that these scholarships may become an institution independent of any vote of the Provincial Council.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your humble obedient servant,

JAS. GEO. HAWKES.

NAMES.			Geography. 100.	History. 100.	Arithmetic. 100.	Grammar and Composition. 100.	Reading. 50.	Spelling. 50.	Writing. 50.	Sacred His- tory. 50.	TOTAL.
1.	W. C. Bean	...	69	71	74	65	39	42	46	31	437
2.	A. E. Bird	...	56	60	61	59	50	45	32	25	388
3.	W. H. Herbert	...	47	60	54	70	38	47	33	33	382
4.	H. Jno. Knowles	...	58	32	74	68	40	40	39	24	375
5.	G. Wedge	...	46	56	57	58	36	41	42	32	368
6.	B. Connal	...	38	61	41	68	40	44	28	28	348
7.	S. Jones	...	59	56	48	56	35	39	29	25	347
8.	E. Reece	...	52	59	20	46	26	43	37	30	313
9.	J. A. Frost	...	51	42	15	53	39	46	27	28	301
10.	W. G. Napier	...	59	42	33	44	26	30	36	24	294
11.	J. R. B. Craig	...	36	29	17	63	40	36	43	26	290
12.	G. Marcroft	...	42	50	26	35	25	41	40	23	287
13.	H. Buxton	...	44	42	15	52	29	34	28	30	274
14.	E. J. Ross	...	49	55	20	38	28	24	27	31	272

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