

NUMBER OF CANDIDATES EXAMINED.

During the last financial year (1878-79) the number of candidates examined at different places was: Auckland, 47; Thames, 5; New Plymouth, 13; Napier, 5; Wanganui, 12; Wellington, 18; Blenheim, 12; Nelson, 25; Hokitika, 1; Christchurch, 11; Timaru, 1; Arrow, 2; Dunedin, 26; Invercargill, 10.

Since the establishment of the Board the number of candidates examined in each year has been:—

1869	...	...	...	...	12 candidates.
1870	...	...	...	...	16 "
1871	...	...	...	...	11 "
1872	...	...	...	...	39 "
1873	...	...	...	...	57 "
1874	...	...	...	...	56 "
1875	...	...	...	...	65 "
1876	...	...	...	...	103 "
1877	...	...	...	...	164 "
1878	...	...	...	...	199 "
Half-year 1879	...	...	...	...	64 "
					786 candidates examined.

As there are almost invariably fully twice as many candidates for the December examination as for the June examination, there is little doubt that the number of candidates examined by the Board during the present year will exceed that examined during any previous year.

Several applications have already been received for next December examination.

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTION OF UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FOR SENIOR CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

The following resolution passed by the Senate of the New Zealand University has been submitted by the Hon. the Minister of Education to the Board for consideration:—

"That the Chancellor be requested to negotiate with the Government for the adoption by the Civil Service Board of the entrance examination papers for the Senior Civil Service examination in December next, and for the general arrangement and supervision of the entrance examination being undertaken by the Board; and that the Chancellor be further authorized to cause the instructions and forms used for the Civil Service examination, or a modification thereof, to be used in conducting the entrance examination, if he considers their adoption desirable as a part of such arrangement."

The Board does not see its way to recommend the Government to adopt the course proposed, as it involves changes which might lead to miscarriage.

As stated above, applications have already been received from candidates for the December examination, under the impression that the existing regulations would be continued in force. It would therefore place candidates, who are studying for the examination under that impression, in a disadvantageous position, if the change were made without longer notice being given.

EXAMINATION PAPERS.

Copies of the examination papers used at the December, 1878, and June, 1879, examinations are appended.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Voted by Parliament	200	0	0	Preparation and revision of papers	96	6	0
Examination fees and fees for certificates ...	30	7	0	Supervision of examinations	94	10	0
				Attendance of member, not being a member of the Civil Service	12	10	0
				Hire of rooms, furniture, &c.	8	16	11
				Books	2	5	0
				Refund of fees paid in error	6	6	0
				Messenger	3	10	0
					£224	3	11
				Balance unexpended	6	3	1
	£230	7	0		£230	7	0

I have, &c.,
G. S. COOPER,
Chairman.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.