

this, sixty-six gentlemen presented themselves in the United Kingdom, but of these only thirty-five were successful. The results in the Colonies were as follows. The names in each group being arranged alphabetically.

PART I.

Twenty-three candidates sent in their names, of whom seventeen presented themselves, and eleven past as under :—

Class I. (i.e. first honors).—Corbett, E. S. (Melbourne). Macphail, F. C. (Melbourne). Papps, P. C. H. (Toronto). Mower, G. S. (Montreal).

Class II. (second honors).—Benjamin, S. O. (Melbourne). Gill, J. S. (Melbourne). Moore, G. C. (Toronto).

Class III. (ordinary pass).—Hay, J. D. (Wellington, N.Z.). Ley, Jas. (Melbourne). Thorne, C. M. (Sydney). Tipping, O. (Melbourne).

It will be observed that, out of the total eighty-three who attempted this examination, thirty-seven, or forty-five per cent. failed.

The second part covers the use of mortality tables, formulæ for benefits of all kinds, and allied subjects. In Great Britain, out of fifty-seven persons who entered, only fourteen passed. In the colonies, the results were as follows, the names in each section being again arranged alphabetically.

PART II.

Class I. (i.e. first honors).—Wood, A. B. (Montreal).

Class II. (i.e. second honors).—Sutherland, J. (Melbourne).

Class III.—Kaufman, H. N. (Montreal). Kingsbury, J. W. (Sydney). Moore, J. P. (Sydney). Reid, E. E. (Toronto). Stuckey, E. J. (Adelaide).

Out of a total of seventy-five, twenty-one only passed, fifty-four, or seventy-two per cent. being unsuccessful.

In the final examinations, English law, English methods and English investments are much emphasized. This, of course, is but natural. And yet it unavoidably places actuaries in the Colonies at a disadvantage as compared with their confreres in the old land. As a result, no Colonial has ever yet secured first honors in either of these examinations. Even in Great Britain no one has secured first honors since 1895. This year, twenty candidates went up for part III. A,

in England, and of these only eight were successful. An equal number went up for III. B, but only six succeeded.

The following are the results for the Colonies.

PART III.—SECTION A.

Seven candidates sent in their names, of whom four presented themselves, and there passed as under (alphabetically arranged).

Classes I or II.—None.

Class III.—†Elliott, C. A. (Sydney). *† Macaulay, T. B. (Montreal). Thodey, R. (Sydney).

PART III.—SECTION B.

Four candidates sent in their names, of whom two presented themselves, and one passed, as under :—

Class II. (i.e. second honors).—*† Macaulay, T. B. (Montreal).

The candidate marked (*) passed in both sections.

The candidates marked (†) have now completed their examinations for the class of Fellow.

Canada is thus to be congratulated on the fact that in all four examinations her representatives took, at least, as high rank as the very best of their competitors from other parts of Greater Britain.

We take especial pleasure in reprinting the above from our valued contemporary *The Chronicle*, inasmuch as not only Mr. T. B. Macaulay, but Messrs. A. B. Wood and H. N. Kaufman, represented The Sun Life of Canada in these searching ordeals.

A Grave Reflection.—When the late New England poet, John G. Saxe, was a young Editor at Burlington, Vt., he attended a Roman Catholic funeral in the capacity of bearer. High mass was sung and the bearers stood throughout the long service. Finally a companion whispered to the humorist: "Pretty long drawn-out, isn't it, Saxe?" "Yes, was the reply. "They will run it into the ground pretty soon."