

EXAMINATION PAPER IN COMPOSITION AND ENGLISH GRAMMAR.

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COMPOSITION.

1. Write a composition on one of the following subjects:—

(a) "The path of glory leads but to the grave."—*Gray*.

(b) "How small, of all that human hearts endure

That part which laws or Kings can cause or cure."

—*Goldsmith's Traveller*.

(c) "Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting:

The soul that rises with us, our life's star,

Hath had elsewhere its setting, And cometh from afar."

—*Wordsworth*,

(d) "Tis distance lends enchantment to the view."

—*Campbell*.

(e) "Fortes fortuna juvat."—*Pliny*.

GRAMMAR.

2. Give a full account of those grammatical forms by which the gender and number of nouns in English are distinguished, and the comparison of adjectives effected noting exceptional formations as fully as you can. See Angus's Handbook of the English Tongue, sections 205—208.

3. Give the past tense and perfect participle of *abide, burst, dig, flee, fly, flow, lead, lay, lie, ring, wring, set, sit, sink*. Consult Angus's Handbook, section 297.

4. Give rules for the use of shall and will. See Angus's Handbook, section 300.

5. Mention the chief sources from which the English language derives its

vocabulary, and note the character of the contributions from the different sources. See Mason's Grammar, Preliminary Notice.

6. Criticize the grammar of the following extracts, and where you consider it faulty suggest the proper emendations, stating your reasons for the changes you make:

(a) "An author who is translated in this fashion suffers as much as when Archbishop Alexander Neville was translated from York to St. Andrews by a Pope whom Scotland did not acknowledge."—

There is an improper ellipsis after *as*, which must be supplied, the correction would be:—

"An author who is translated in this fashion suffers as much as Archbishop Alexander Neville when he was translated from York to St. Andrews by a Pope whom Scotland did not acknowledge."—

(b) "The most recent of several attempts to realize Goethe's conception of an Iphigenia at Delphi is by C. Ernest, and may be pronounced at least as successful as that of any of his predecessors."—

Our correction would be:—

"The most recent of several attempts to realize Goethe's conception of an Iphigenia at Delphi, is that by C. Ernest, and may at least be pronounced as successful as that of any of his predecessors."

1. That is inserted to avoid ambiguity.

2. The noun predecessors should be in the possessive case, depending upon