

important periods are treated in detail, should be prescribed, and that candidates should be expected to master these thoroughly."

Ordered—That the recommendation of the Central Committee on the examination in the subject of History, for First Class certificates, be approved, an examination in the Elements of General History having been already passed by the candidates at their competition for Second Class certificates; the new scheme to come into operation in 1877. The Committee to be requested to recommend to the Council the authors and portions of their works on which it is proposed that the candidates shall be examined.

Ordered—That the following candidates for First Class certificates at the July examination, recommended by the Central Committee for Second Class Grade A, be awarded such certificates accordingly:—

William Carroll, James A. Duncan, Miles Ferguson, Wm. John Hallett, Samuel Hicks, Wm. Johnson, Nicholas Kellett, Rev. Hugh Lamont, Alexander McTavish, Henry Richardson, Templeton C. Robinson, Geo. Sharman, James Slater, James Wilson, Esther E. Montgomery.

Ordered—That the recommendation of the Central Committee on the resolution adopted by the Examiners for the County of Norfolk, on the teaching and examinations in the subject of Reading, be approved, and communicated to the Principals of the Normal Schools, and be also published in the Journal of Education for the information of examiners generally.

Ordered—That with reference to a previous communication from Mr. W. B. Hamilton, Toronto, as it appears from the letters of the Governor General's Secretary, that the Medals granted by His Excellency were to be awarded "according to the wishes of the Principal or Masters," the Council find that the matter is left by His Excellency in the hands of those gentlemen.

Ordered—That the revised High School Programme, recommended by the High School Inspectors, having been fully considered, be now approved and adopted, as follows:

N.B.—Instead of a fixed amount of work for each Form, the Council prescribes the subjects of study, and the amount to be done in each subject in the Lower School

and in the Upper School respectively; leaving it to the local authorities to decide (subject to the approval of the High School Inspectors) according to the varying circumstances of the schools, the order in which the subjects shall be taken up, the amount of work to be done in a given time, and the number of classes to be carried on at once.

#### LOWER SCHOOL.

Group A.—*English Language*.—Review of Elementary Work: Orthography, Etymology and Syntax, Derivation of Words; Analysis of Sentences; Rendering of Poetry into Prose; Critical Reading of portions of the Works of Authors of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries, to be prescribed from time to time by the Council of Public Instruction; \* Composition—the Framing of Sentences; Familiar and Business Letters; Abstracts of Readings or Lectures; Themes;—generally, the Formation of a good English Style; Reading, Dictation, and Elocution, including the learning by heart and recitation of selected passages from Standard Authors.

Group B.—*Mathematics*.—(a) Arithmetic, Simple and Compound Rules; Vulgar and Decimal Fractions; Proportion; Percentage in its various applications; Square Root.

(b) Algebra—Elementary Rules; Factoring; Greatest Common Measure; Least Common Multiple; Square Root; Fractions; Surds; Simple Equations of one, two, and three unknown quantities; Easy Quadratics.

(c) Geometry—Euclid, Book I. and II., with easy exercises; Application of Geometry to the Mensuration of Surfaces.

(d) Natural Philosophy—Composition and Resolution of Forces; Principle of Moments, Centre of Gravity; Mechanical Powers, Ratio of the Power to the Weight in each; Pressure of Liquids; Specific Gravity and Modes of Determining it; the Barometer, Syphon, Common Pump, Forcing Pump and Air Pump.

Group C.—*Modern Languages*.—(a) *French*: The Accidence and Principal Rules of Syntax; Exercises; Introductory

\* For 1876 Gray's "Elegy" and Sir Walter Scott's "Lady of the Lake" have been prescribed. Candidates will be expected to show that they have read the whole of the latter poem, but the questions set will be based mainly on Cantos v. and vi.