

sities ; and no pupil should leave our High Schools at least, in the state of ignorance which is now characteristic of most of the graduates of these institutions. In the projected remodelling of our programmes, let us have more attention paid to literature, and we shall have more "sweetness and light" and 'less "mathematical Philistinism."

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ONTARIO.

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MISSION TO HIGH SCHOOLS.

GEOGRAPHY.

Time—One hour and a half. Value, 8 marks each.

1. What is Political Geography? Physical Geography? Define the following:—First Meridian, Zone, Equinox, Plateau, Watershed, Glacier, Climate.

2. Give the boundaries of the different zones, and the breadth of each zone in degrees. Account for the positions of the bounding lines of the zones.

3. What and where are the following:—Vancouver, Three Rivers, Trinidad, Avon, Corfu, Mersey, Stromboli, Hamburg, Hindoo Koosh, Lyons?

4. Name the bodies of water into which the following rivers flow:—Garonne, Tagus, Elbe, Volga, Oder.

5. Between what cities in the United States and the British Islands is the trade with Canada chiefly carried on? Tell what you know of the commodities exchanged.

6. Over what railroads would you pass in going from (1) Toronto to St. Thomas; (2) Owen Sound to Ottawa? Describe a trip from Montreal to Lake Superior.

7. What information respecting a country can be obtained from a knowledge of its mountains?

8. Name and classify according to slopes the principal rivers of Asia.

9. From what countries do we chiefly obtain the following:—Coal, iron, cotton, rice, sugar, coffee, silk, opium?

COMPOSITION.

Time—One hour and a half.

1. Write a letter to a friend about the Entrance Examination. (Value 24.)

2. Make the necessary corrections in the following stanza :
close by the threshold of a door nailed fast
three kittens set ; each kitten looked agast.
i, passing swift and inattentive by,
at the three kittens cast a careless eye.
(Value 10.)

3. Correct what is wrong in the following sentences:—

(1) The merchant has went to Toronto to buy goods.

(2) The answer that I have got is different to yours.

(3) This arithmetic contains a great quantity of exercises.

(4) When the heat of the air is below the freezing point, vapours become frozen and fall to the earth in the form of snow. Rain-drops, frozen in their descent through a cold portion of the atmosphere, forms hail. (Value 10.)

4. Change the following passages into prose:—

In rueful gaze
The cattle stand, and on the scowling hea-
vens
Cast a deploring eye, by man forsook,
Who to the crowded cottage hies home fast,
Or seeks the shelter of the downward cave.
(Value 15.)

5. Write the following passage correctly:—

A bleak march wind blowed southward
from the sea and the oozy waves of the
thames roled hoarsly against the chandler's
little wharf when a gentle hand touched the
old mans arm. The little red spark in the
bole of the pipe had flickered up and died
so he dismounted and takes his childs
hand when she whispered the word supper.
(Value 13.)

ENGLISH GRAMMAR.

Time—Two hours.

1. Analyze: Vainly did I then wait for
the tardy and rebellious villains to come to
my assistance, making the welkin ring, and
my throat tingle, with reiterated shouts.
(Value 6.)