

other than the long (—) short (∪), and obscure (.), he must give the key to such other marks. (60 marks will be counted a full paper.)

PRECIS WRITING AND INDEXING.

Examiner—Cornelius Donovan, M.A.

1. Give the sense of the following passage in as few words as possible :

That it is hard to brave a laugh—this is not disputed. That there is a power in sarcasm which may make the condition of the Christian a condition of persecution—this is not disputed. But when the battery of jest and contempt that is brought to bear on him makes him shrink ashamed of his profession, we cannot accept the difficulty of the encounter as an apology for his defeat. We really want terms in which to express our sense of the weakness and infatuation of men who, quite aware that they have right on their side, and thoroughly persuaded that reason gives an unreserved verdict in their favour, are nevertheless abashed and overcome by the ridicule of some thoughtless jester, whose intellect they probably hold cheap, and whose good opinion they consider valueless. [10.]

2. Write a Précis of the following document:—

OFFICE OF THE
PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH,
TORONTO, July 17th, 1882.

DEAR DOCTOR.—You may have observed that the Provincial Board of Health, in common with many Boards in the United States, has decided upon publishing a Weekly Report of disease prevailing in the different parts of the Province, noting, at the same time, the accompanying meteorological and other conditions.

In order to make such reports of any real value in investigating the causes of disease, it will be necessary for the Board to appoint, in various localities, correspondents whose weekly returns may enable it to deduce practical conclusions therefrom.

To this end the Board has addressed this letter to a number of medical practitioners throughout the Province, and it requests you to consider whether you will accept the position of correspondent to the Board from your district.

Leaving out of view the bearing of the proposed work upon the question of Sanitary

Science, and looking at it from a purely professional standpoint, the investigations to be made as to the causes and nature of disease will be as important to medical practitioners as many others in which they are engaged and to which they gladly devote more time. The filling up of the blank forms will require only a few minutes each week; and should you be willing to devote that time to it, be kind enough to inform the Secretary at once, so that there may be sent to you stamped forms similar to the one enclosed, and a blotter for your convenience and subsequent reference. Should you decide that you cannot do so, you will confer a favour by informing the Board of some medical practitioner in your locality who, in your opinion, would be willing to undertake the work.

The reports and remarks of correspondents will be treated as confidential, a general average of all the reports being published, and the Board exercising discretion in mentioning the names of particular localities.

Although this work, like that of the Meteorological Reporters in Ontario and of the Disease Reporters in many States of the Union, is done gratuitously, yet this Board trusts that the measure of good accruing from this scheme will be such as to encourage it to expect, in the near future, greater pecuniary facilities for making the reports, and the results to be obtained therefrom more nearly perfect.

Trusting that you may find it convenient to co-operate with the Board in this matter,

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

P. H. BRUCE,
Secretary.

[25.]

3. Show how you would index the contents of the foregoing document. [10.]

4. Give specimens of your method of indexing, (a) out-going letters, (b) letters received, and (c) bills or accounts, so that you could make prompt reference to any particular document. [15.]

ENGLISH COMPOSITION.

Examiner—J. E. Hodgson, M.A.

1. Distinguish: *stationery, stationary; relic, relict; gentle, genteel; metal, mettle; kind, kindly* (adj.); *manly, manful; bravery, audacity; morals, manners; bring, fetch; converse, contrary*. [5]

2. About thirty years before this time, a Mahomedan soldier had begun to distinguish himself in the wars of Southern India.