



# Lord Weymouth's Grammar School

## WARMINSTER

From the returns of the Oxford Local Examination, conducted in June last, we observe that five candidates from this school were very successful, and two of them took honours. The following are the names of the successful candidates :- R. A. Way, of Portland (honours); R. A. Barrow, of Tisbury (honours); G. Parry, of Warminster; A. B. Walkley, of Gloucester; and St. John Hewitt, of Upton Lovell.

(*Salisbury and Winchester Journal* – Saturday 5 September, 1868)

---

The following pupils of this school have passed the recent Oxford local examination, viz :-

*Seniors* – Class III., Richard Harding, Maunditt's-park, Malmsbury, who obtained a title of A.A., or Associate in Arts.

*Juniors* – 1<sup>st</sup> class honours, Arthur B. Walkley, Bristol (8<sup>th</sup> in order of merit out of 55 names in the 1<sup>st</sup> class); 2<sup>nd</sup> class honours, arranged in alphabetical order – St. John Hewitt, Upton Lovell, Heytesbury; 3<sup>rd</sup> class, also arranged alphabetically – Robert Vaughan Day, Ash Priors Rectory, Taunton; Job N. L. Paulley, Minterne, Dorset; and W. J. Sympson Whitty, Redhill House, Wrington. The value of the position – the 8<sup>th</sup> in the 1<sup>st</sup> class – gained by Walkley, may be judged by the following particulars, gathered from the official returns:- There were 1,173 candidates from schools in all parts of England and Wales; he passed in (1) reading aloud, (2) spelling, (3) analysis and parsing, (4) English composition, (5) arithmetic, (6) geography, (7) English history, (8) rudiments of faith and religion, (9) Latin, (10) Greek, (11) French, (12) mathematics (including five books of Euclid, algebra, trigonometry, and higher arithmetic), (13) music, and (14) drawing. There were seven above him, all older than himself, and 1,165 below him; he must therefore, have excelled all comers of his own age. Such success in one so young, turned only 14, should encourage him to seek the very highest university honours. An instance of the severity of the nature of the examination occurs in connection with this school. One of the candidates (a senior) passed in subjects numbered 1,2,3,4,5,7,9,11,12,13,14, but failed to satisfy the examiner in No. 6, one of the seven rudimentary subjects, he was "ploughed." Out of a total number, 480, of senior candidates, 142 failed; and of the 1,173 junior candidates, 506 failed. During the last four years the Warminster Grammar School has passed 23 candidates, of whom seven have taken honours. The value of a simple junior pass, that is, a third class, will be better estimated when it is remembered that it is accepted by the Law Society in place of its own preliminary examination before entrance upon the study of law, under articles with an attorney or a solicitor.

(*Salisbury and Winchester Journal* – Saturday 3 September, 1870)

---

## WARMINSTER

The results of the Oxford local examinations for 1871 have just appeared, and from them we gather the following particulars concerning the above school. Four senior candidates, A. B. Walkley (Exeter), St. John Hewitt (Upton Lovell), J. N. L. Paulley (Minterne), and W. J. S. Whitty (Wrington), were successful in obtaining the title of Associate in Arts (A.A.). In division 2 (with first class honours in section A, being ninth in order of merit – there were 498 senior candidates – and second class honours in sections B and E) stand A. B. Walkley. The advanced and optional subjects in which this candidate passed were:- Section A, including (1) higher English history, and history of English literature; (2) Shakespeare's Macbeth and Bacon's Essays; (3) political economy (Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations," book 1), and English law (Blackstone's "Rights of Persons"); (4) physical, political, and commercial geography. Section B:- Latin, Greek, and French languages, in which no special authors are previously indicated. Section C:- Mathematics, both pure and united. Section E:- Drawing (1) from a cast or model; (2) in perspective; (3) in colours from a natural object; (4) a design for an ornament or pattern, or for a picture. Section F:- Music (1) grammar of music; (2) harmony and principles of musical composition; (3) History of Music. In division 3, St. John Hewitt passed in Sections A, B, and C; J. N. Paulley in Sections A and B; and W. J. S. Whitty in Sections A, B, C, and E. Six juniors were successful, viz., D. W. Barker, (Worcester), E. Cusse (Warminster), J. W. G. Kealy (Gosport), E. H. Morgan (Boreham), A. Scott (Australia), and H. A. Sims (Portsea). In estimating the real value of these examinations it cannot be too well known that every candidate, before proceeding to the higher and optional subjects, in at least two of which he is bound to qualify in order to pass, must satisfy the examiners in the following nine fundamentals of a sound education, and failure in any one of them is fatal; these are, reading aloud, writing, spelling, analysis and parsing of a passage taken from some English author (in 1871 Milton's Paradise Lost, Book 1), English composition, arithmetic, geography, English history, and the rudiments of faith and religion, unless this last is objected to by the parent or guardian *causa conscientiae*.

(*Salisbury and Winchester Journal* – Saturday 26 August, 1871)

---