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NEW EXAMINATION STATUTES.

THE Statutes respecting the Responsions and the Public Examinations having been passed by Convocation, it has been thought desirable to furnish the Tutors and Undergraduate Members of the University with a brief statement of their main provisions.

Responsions hereafter will be holden only twice in each year.

The first Responsions under the new system, and the last Responsions under the old, [were] carried on at the same time, and under the same Masters of the Schools, in Lent Term 1851.

The 'First Examination' under Moderators will take place for the first time in Easter Term 1852.

The last Public Examinations under the old system will take place in Michaelmas Term 1852, and Honours will then for the last time be awarded under that system.

The 'Public Examinations' under the new system will take place for the first time in Easter Term 1853.

All persons who have entered the University since the commencement of Lent Term 1850, must necessarily Graduate under the new system.

All persons who have entered the University during the year 1849, may Graduate either under the old, or under the new, system.

But in order that persons Matriculated in Lent or Easter Terms 1849 may be enabled to present themselves for Examination before the Moderators, and so proceed under the new system, it is necessary that they should obtain the permission of the Head of their House, and that of the Vice-Chancellor and Proctors.

It is to be observed, however, that if persons Matriculated during Michaelmas Term 1849 shall desire to offer themselves for their final Examination, with a view to obtain Honours under the old system, they must do so in Michaelmas Term 1852, having then attained only their thirteenth Term.

So persons Matriculated in Act Term 1849 can obtain Honours under the old system only in their fourteenth Term, namely, as stated above, in Michaelmas Term 1852.

Persons Matriculated in Easter Term 1849 cannot obtain Honours under the old system later than their fifteenth Term; nor persons Matriculated in Lent 1849 later than their sixteenth Term.

Those who, having been Matriculated before Lent Term 1850, shall not have passed their final Examination in Michaelmas Term 1852, can still pass under the old form, but it must be before the Moderators, and they cannot obtain Honours.

Those who shall have been Matriculated during the Easter Term 1850, may offer themselves for Responsions after the Long Vacation of 1850.

Sitting in the Schools will be unnecessary under the new

All Undergraduates will, under the new system, have to pass three public ordeals, before they can become Bachelors of Arts.

 The RESPONSIONS as early as their third, as late as their seventh, Term.

SUBJECTS.—One Latin, one Greek Author, or a portion of each; the chief object being to ascertain that the principles of these two languages are well understood. Arithmetic (which will be required of all), Euclid, or Algebra. [A smaller quantity of text than has been required under the old system—two Books of Euclid,—Algebra to simple Equations inclusively,—Arithmetic

to the Extraction of the Square Root inclusively, will suffice.] The same passage in English to be translated into Latin, will be set to all the Candidates at one; and also a paper of Grammatical Questions, and a paper of Arithmetical, or Mathematical, Questions. Sixteen Candidates may be examined viva-vocs in one day.

Those who shall not have passed their Responsions by the end of their seventh Term, (unless with the permission of the Vice-Chancellor and Proctors,) will be allowed to take a Degree only after the expiration of as many Terms as shall have elapsed between their sixth Term and that in which they obtain the Certificate of the Masters of the Schools.

2°. The 'FIRST PUBLIC EXAMINATION,' as early as the eighth, as late as the twelfth, Term of standing.

Subjects.—Minimum.—The Four Gospels in Greek. One Greek, one Latin Author; of which one must be a Poet, the other an Orator. The Books brought up at Responsions cannot be tendered at this Examination, unless the Candidate shall bring up at least four Books. A piece of English to be translated into Latin, a paper of Grammatical Questions, and a paper of Mathematical or Logical Questions, will be set to all the Candidates at once. Pass men must bring up either Logic, or three Books of Euclid and Algebra.

Honours will be awarded in this Examination. Candidates for Classical Honours are required especially to bring up Poets and Orators: Homer, Virgil, Demosthenes, and Cicero, being recommended by name. The highest Honour cannot be obtained without Logic, and it is to have great weight in the distribution of both Honours. Those who do not tender Logic, will be examined in Euclid and Algebra. Passages will be set, with a view to elegance and accuracy of translation. Philological and Critical Questions will always be proposed. Those who can write verses, will have an opportunity of displaying that talent. Translations into Latin and Greek will be called for.

Honours will also be awarded for 'Pure Mathematics.'

The names of all who pass will be printed at the end of the Schedule of Honours.

- Those who shall not have passed this Examination before the end of their twelfth Term will be obliged to put off their Degree, in accordance with a regulation similar to that which has been passed respecting the Responsions.
- 3°. The PUBLIC EXAMINATION, in two Schools at least, but not necessarily in the same Term, as early as the thirteenth, and, for Honours, as late as the eighteenth Term of Standing.

Candidates must present a Certificate, shewing that they have attended Two Courses of Public Lectures.

1st School to be passed first, and by all; called the School of 'Literæ Humaniores.'

Minimum.—The Four Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles in Greek. Sacred History. The subjects of the Books of the Old and New Testament. The Evidences and the Thirty-nine Articles. One Philosopher, one Historian, Greek or Latin, but not the same books which had been brought up at Responsions; those brought up before the Moderators, being a Poet and an Orator, cannot of course avail for this Examination. There will be no translation into Latin, but questions will be set, and passages from the books brought up will have to be translated into English.

For Honours.—Candidates for Honours may add to the Divinity above mentioned, one or more of the Apostolical Epistles and Ecclesiastical History. They will have to bring up, as at present, the Greek and Latin Languages, Greek and Roman History, Chronology, Geography, Antiquities; Rhetoric and Poetics; Moral and Political Philosophy. These subjects may be illustrated by Modern Authors. Logic must be tendered by all who seek to obtain a First or Second Class, and it is to have great weight in the distribution of Honours. Questions to be answered, passages to be translated, and subjects to be treated in Greek, Latin, or English, will be proposed by the Examiners.