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and other Examinations.

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PREFACE.

HAVING been very successful in the preparation of Candidates for various Examinations, including the University Middle Class, Civil Service, Naval, Military, &c., the Author has been induced to publish his Geographical Notes; and ventures to hope they will be found valuable to others engaged in similar work.

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BRITISH COLONIES.

EUROPE.

- GIBRALTAR, conquered from Spain, 1704.
 HELIGOLAND, conquered from Denmark, 1801.
 MALTA AND GOZO, conquered from France, 1800.

ASIA.

- INDIA, chiefly by conquest since 1612, except
 Bombay, ceded by Portugal, 1662.
 FURTHER INDIA, by conquest, 1826.
 CEYLON, conquered from the Dutch, 1796.
 ADEN, purchased from the Arabs, 1839.
 HONG-KONG, ceded by China, 1842.
 LABUAN, ceded by the Sultan of Borneo, 1844.
 PENANG, purchased from the King of Quedah, 1785.
 SARAWAK, ceded to Sir J. Brooke, 1840, by the
 Sultan of Borneo.

AFRICA.

- CAPE COLONY, conquered from the Dutch, 1806.
 NATAL, settled since 1820.
 GAMBIA, GOLD COAST, settled since 1620.
 SIERRA LEONE, settled 1787.
 ST. HELENA, taken from the Dutch, 1673.
 MAURITIUS, conquered from France, 1810.
 ASCENSION ISLAND, settled 1815.

AMERICA.

- CANADA, CAPE BRETON, PRINCE EDWARD
 ISLAND, conquered from France, 1758-9.

NEW BRUNSWICK, NEWFOUNDLAND, AND NOVA SCOTIA, ceded by France, 1713.

HONDURAS, ceded by Spain, 1763.

HUDSON'S BAY TERRITORY, colonized 1713.

VANCOUVER'S ISLAND, settled 1849.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, settled 1858.

BRITISH GUIANA, taken from Holland, 1803.

FALKLAND ISLANDS, colonized 1765.

WEST INDIES. Jamaica, taken from Spain, 1655; Bahamas, 1783; and Trinidad, 1797. Tobago, Grenada, St. Vincent, and Dominica, from France, 1763; and St. Lucia, 1803. Bermudas, settled, 1611; St. Kitts, 1623; Barbados, 1625; Nevis, 1628; Montserrat and Antigua, 1632; Anguilla, 1650; and the Virgin Isles, 1666. Barbuda.

AUSTRALASIA.

AUSTRALIA, settled since 1787.

TASMANIA, occupied by the British, 1803.

NORFOLK ISLAND, settled 1787.

NEW ZEALAND, settled 1839.

AUCKLAND ISLAND, settled 1840.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF MINERAL, VEGETABLE, AND ANIMAL PRODUCTIONS.

MINERAL.

COAL is raised in Great Britain (66 millions of tons annually), Ireland, United States, British America, Belgium, France, Prussia, Austria, Saxony, Russia, Japan, China, Borneo, Australia.

IRON, Great Britain and Ireland ($3\frac{1}{2}$ millions of tons annually), Belgium, France, Russia, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Italy, Spain, Asia Minor, India, and Siberia.

COPPER, S.W. of England, Spain, Russia, Sweden, Norway, Japan, S. Australia, Algeria, Chili, Peru, Cuba.

TIN, Devon and Cornwall, the Island of Banca, and Spain.

LEAD, British Isles, Spain, Germany, Carinthia, Siberia, N. America, Chili.

ZINC (calamine or blende), Britain, Germany, Spain, China.

QUICKSILVER, Austria, Spain, China, Peru, California.

GOLD, Australia, California, New Zealand, British Columbia, Transylvania, Siberia, S.E. of Asia, and S. America.

SILVER, Austria, Saxony, Hanover, Spain, Siberia, China, S. America.

PLATINUM, Ural Mountains, Brazil, New Granada, Spain.

ANTIMONY, France, Hungary, and Sarawak.

MANGANESE, Devon and Cornwall, Germany, France, Spain.

SULPHUR, Sicily, Spain; it is also extracted from Cornish Mundie.

PRECIOUS STONES, Brazil, Peru, India, Birmah, Ceylon, Borneo.

SALT, Britain, Galicia, S.E. of Russia, Persia.

PUMICE-STONE, from Stromboli, one of the Liparis.

MINERAL OIL, U. States, Canada, Wales, Germany.

VEGETABLE.

WHEAT is exported from Hanover, Prussia, Russia, Poland, North Germany (at Dantzic), France, United States, Turkey, Egypt, Australia.

BARLEY, from Ireland, Scotland, France, Italy, Germany, Denmark.

MAIZE, from United States, Spain, and Portugal.

RICE, from India, United States, and Java.

MILLET, from Nubia, Egypt, India, and W. Indies.

CASSAVA (from which *Yucca* is made), Brazil, Guiana.