



Salisbury Training School

The friends and supporters of this institution will be glad to hear that a large measure of success had again rewarded the exertion of its teachers and students at the last government examination for certificates. The class list, which was published on the 23rd ult., shews the following favourable results: of 26 students, who had been two years in training, 5 are placed in the first class, 12 in the second, 9 in the third. Of 36 students, who had resided one year in the institution, 14 are in the first class, 15 in the second, 7 in the third. Not one student is placed in the schedule – the lowest category – and not one has failed. The sum earned by the institution towards its own maintenance in respect of these 62 classed students amounts to £743 6s 8d, the largest sum ever accruing to its funds from the same source in any former year. Thirty-two students were sent out from the schools at Christmas to take charge of elementary schools, mostly in the dioceses of Salisbury and Winchester. There are now 67 students in training, all but one of whom are Queen's Scholars. Fifty-four successful candidates for Queen's Scholarships were obliged to be refused admission, as the vacancies for new pupils were already supplied. It must be extremely gratifying to all connected with the administration of this valuable institution, and particularly to Mrs Duncan, who is now in the 21st year of her active superintendence of it, to be rewarded with these proofs of its usefulness, popularity, efficiency, and prosperity. We only hope that no vital alteration in the present system, by which grants are made by government to training schools will be recommended in the report of the Royal Education Commission, which is on the eve of appearing, to affect their financial stability, or even seriously to modify their existing constitution.

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