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(REPORT ON) IN AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES, BY MR. A. D. RILEY.

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REPORT upon TECHNICAL and ART INSTRUCTION and DRAWING in PRIMARY SCHOOLS in SOUTH AUSTRALIA, VICTORIA, and NEW SOUTH WALES; with additional information and papers. By ARTHUR D. RILEY, National Scholar and Gold Medallist of South Kensington, London; late Art Examiner and Lecturer to the Education Department of New South Wales; Art Director of the Wellington School of Design and Education Board of the Wellington District.

Mr. A. D. RILEY to the Hon. the MINISTER of EDUCATION.

SIR,—

Wellington, July, 1888.

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 13th of December last, I have the honour to submit my report upon the various technical schools of Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia, including drawing in primary schools. I have included with the report matter and papers relative to other institutions not in the colonies, but which I consider to be of value, and to have especial bearing upon the subject of this report. In the following pages I have given the full programme of study followed at the chief institutions visited, considering it necessary that such should be cited *in extenso* if it is intended to make any practical use of information of the kind.

I have, &c.,

The Hon. George Fisher, Minister of Education.

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THANKS.

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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That drawing-books, Standards I. and II., sanctioned by the department as class-books, be dispensed with, but that some of the exercises in Book II. might be used by the teachers as black-board exercises for class-instruction.
2. That all schools be required within two years to be provided with efficient drawing-models.
3. That boys holding the full first-grade drawing certificate, or showing special aptitude in drawing, receive free instruction in the central schools of design or workshop, with a view to technical training.
4. That the first-grade drawing examination be held in primary schools throughout the colony.
5. That no applicant for the office of pupil-teacher be accepted unless holding a full first-grade drawing certificate, or undertaking to complete the same within twelve months of appointment. To take effect from January, 1890. This is provisional upon recommendation 4 being adopted.
6. That second-grade drawing be taken as the standard of examination for pupil-teachers and teachers of primary and secondary schools, and that the same should be separate and distinct from the ordinary classification certificate; or, should the same be combined, that the ordinary