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WINCHESTER COLLEGE, AND ONE OR TWO OF ITS RECENTLY ELECTED SCHOLARS.

One of the most interesting competitive examinations, which show the vast amount of embryo talent in this country, has taken place last month at the election of scholars at Winchester College. On Wednesday, the 31st of July, there assembled, from every part of the country, in that ancient city, at the venerable College there, one hundred and thirty-five boys, the very cream of young England's talent, to contest for one of the fifteen vacant scholarships. As fifteen only could possibly obtain the honourable prize, the corollary is too patent. One hundred and twenty of the aspirants must needs be unsuccessful in the struggle.

We wish to offer a word of comfort to the disappointed candidates and their friends. No genuine scholar will think the less of the talent that is within the youthful band of the unsuccessful ones. Every one of them must have known that that examination was one of the stiffest, most searching, and most probing that young genius is subject to; and yet they did not shrink from the ordeal. To our mind, the very fact of the confidence which inspired them with prowess, to appear on the formidable literary and scientific battlefield, argues the possession of no inconceivable amount of material for literary warfare, defeated though they were. We happen to know a good deal of University examinations, as well as of Episcopal ones; and, on a careful analysis of the eight examination papers "for boys over thirteen, and under fourteen years old," we are pretty sure that many of the candidates for degrees, or holy orders, would find it tough, perspiring work to grapple with some of the questions which those juvenile literary pupils had to encounter. We say, therefore, to the defeated youngsters,