

1394. What was Adam Smith's opinion concerning the capability of government to conduct industrial enterprises? How far has his opinion been verified by the experience of the subsequent century? *Owens Col., Shuttleworth Scholarship*, 1878-79. iv. 6.

[Adam Smith, Book v. chap. i. Part 3, Article 1, and Prof. Rogers's note, vol. ii. p. 306.]

1395. What are the objections to the undertaking (1) of works of public utility, or (2) of colonization by the state? *Oxford 2nd Public, Pass T.T.*, 1878. vii. 10.

1396. Why does government supervise gun-barrels, milk, weights and measures, and not furniture, tools, and shoes, and the majority of commodities. *C. S. C. Home Civil*, 1881. v. 9.

[Consider how far in each case it is practically *possible* to apply the principle of *Caveat emptor*.]

1397. Discuss the question of the purchase of the English railways by the state. *Queen's Univ., M.A.*, 1874. viii. 12.

1398. 'The state should purchase and manage the railways for the same reasons which suggested the purchase of the telegraphs.' Examine this statement. *Dublin Mod.*, 1876. vi. 11.

1399. Discuss fully the policy, and the probable economic consequences of adopting a government system for the carriage of parcels analogous to the present system of carrying letters. *Dublin Prize*, 1881. vi. 6.

[Prof. Jevons on *A State Parcel Post*, in the *Contemporary Review* for January 1879.]