

EXAMINER'S REPORT.

Mrs. R. D. Harman begs to report that she has examined the classes in cookery at the School for Domestic Instruction, and found the practical work thoroughly well done, great attention being given to detail, such as mixing, seasoning, serving up and garnishing of the various dishes. The frying was excellent, the vegetables well cooked, and the pastry light and well baked. All the work was done in a neat and methodical manner, reflecting great credit on the system of teaching. The students seemed also to understand the theory, their papers being highly satisfactory, and in my opinion the school would compare favourably with similar schools in England. Miss Ross and Miss Brownlie are both entitled to take their certificates in plain cookery, the grades being—plain, household, and high-class cookery. In the lower division, the East Christchurch School prize, Mary Wright and Gladys Sandford equal; they having always worked together. School of Cookery prizes, 1st, Una Williams; 2nd, Cicely Gard'ner.

SCALE OF CHARGES FOR THE YEAR 1897.

		£	s.	d.	
<i>Cooking—</i>					
School children and domestic servants		0	5	0	per quarter.
Advanced classes		0	10	6	"
High class, special classes		1	1	0	"
(Materials provided by the school. Dishes cooked may be purchased by the pupils.)					
<i>Dressmaking—</i>					
School children and domestic servants		0	5	0	"
All others		0	10	6	"
<i>Ironing and clear starching—</i>					
School children and domestic servants		0	5	0	"
All others		0	10	6	"

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1. EXTRACT FROM CONSTITUTION OF ASSOCIATION.

1. That this committee recommends the formation of a society for the promotion of the education of the youths of the city by means of evening classes.

2. That the subjects it is proposed to teach at present be divided into three groups—viz.: A, Literary; B, Scientific; and C, Manual: that for admission to classes A and B, candidates must have passed the Sixth Standard or equivalent examination.

3. That the subjects in Group A include English, Latin, French, German, shorthand, &c.; in Group B, mathematics, chemistry, physics, &c.; and in Group C, freehand and mechanical drawing, carpentry, modelling, wood- and metal-turning, &c.

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9. That the classes be held in the winter months, from the beginning of April to the end of September.

10. That fees should be charged to all pupils of these classes.

11. That the governing body be empowered to pay the teaching-staff fitting remuneration.

2. ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1896.

Eleven ordinary meetings have been held, at the first of which, on the 5th of March (in accordance with Rule 7 of the Constitution), Mr. A. Burt was re-elected president, Mr. G. M. Thomson, honorary secretary and superintendent, and Mr. W. Cutten, honorary treasurer. The superintendent's report, read at the close of the session (October 16), shows that classes in eighteen subjects were held, and that the number of students enrolled amounted to 458, an increase of one on the figures of the preceding session. Only two of these students applied for and obtained remission of their fees. Four students gained the senior diploma of the association, six the junior diploma, and 166 obtained certificates (qualifying for the diplomas) in various subjects. During the year the association became affiliated to the City and Guilds of London Institute, and in the technological examinations of that body held in May, the following gained honours: In plumbing, one student gained first-class honours, two first-class ordinary grade, and one second-class ordinary grade; in carpentry, two gained first-class ordinary grade, and one second-class ordinary grade. Unfortunately no returns have yet come to hand as to the results of the examinations of the South Kensington Science and Art Department, for which several students entered.

In connection with the technological examinations your committee has gone to considerable expense and trouble to secure the best available tuition for the students of the plumbing and carpentry classes, so as to enable them to compete for the certificates of the City and Guilds' Institute, and it is to be regretted that a better response to the efforts put forth on their behalf has not been made by the young tradesmen concerned. In reply to a numerously-signed requisition, the committee made arrangements for carrying on preparation-classes during the summer months for the forthcoming examinations in May, but not a half of those who signed have attended. There is a lack of recognition on the part of tradesmen of the advantages to be gained by a thorough scientific training in these and other subjects in which skilled labour is employed.

The difficulties in the way of securing permanent premises in which to carry on the work of the association, which were referred to in last year's report, have reached an acute stage at the present time, when your committee finds itself in the position of having no habitation of its