

At the Onehunga class the number of pupils attending in the four terms of the year was respectively ten, ten, nine, and nine, the subjects of instruction being mechanical drawing and machine construction, applied mechanics, and marine engineering.

At the Ponsonby School the number of pupils attending during the four terms was respectively eleven, seventeen, sixteen, and fifteen. The subjects of instruction were mechanical drawing, carriage-drafting, and marine engineering.

At the Remuera School the number of pupils attending during the four terms was respectively seven, six, nine, and eight. The subjects of instruction were mechanical drawing and marine engineering.

The Saturday-afternoon class was open the four terms at the Wellesley Street School, the attendance being respectively fourteen, twenty-five, fifteen, thirteen, and the subjects of instruction practical plane and solid geometry and perspective, chiefly for teachers; also marine engineering for engineers preparing for examinations.

The total number of individual students who have attended all the classes during the year is ninety-seven, which is an advance upon the corresponding number of last year.

An exhibition of technical drawings was held last September in the large room of the Wellesley Street School. It consisted chiefly of class-work finished off for the occasion—engines, boilers, hydraulic work, and shop tools.

Four pupils during the year prepared in mechanical engineering, and sat at the examination held by the City and Guilds of London Institute. The results, however, are not yet returned. At the South Kensington Science Examination of 1897 the following certificates were obtained in machine construction and drawing: Advanced (second class), three; elementary, five; fair, one. The results of the South Kensington Science Examination of 1898 are now also to hand, and the certificates obtained by these classes in machine construction and drawing are: First class (advanced), one; second class (advanced), one; first class (elementary), five; second class (elementary), one.

During the year pupils in connection with these classes obtained certificates from the New Zealand Government in marine engineering, traction and locomotive and winding, &c., as follows: Chief engineers' certificates, three; second-class marine engineers' certificates, two; third-class marine engineers' certificates, nine; locomotive and traction certificates, two; river engineer and drivers' certificates, six.

The above returns, compared with those of the previous year (1897), show that applied mechanics, steam and steam-engine, and the various branches of marine engineering have received far more attention, especially as referred to the examinations of the New Zealand Board of Trade.

The pupils of the Wellesley Street classes contributed a set of fourteen finished drawings to the Auckland Industrial and Mining Exhibition, which are exhibited in home-industries section.

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WALTER I. ROBINSON,
Technical Instructor.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

REMUERA SCHOOL TECHNICAL CLASSES.

DURING the year 1898 about twelve pupils attended these classes. The work done by them was satisfactory, and in the case of two or three of the pupils very creditable. The work consisted principally of mortising, tenoning, scarfing, and making model roofs and gates, and of trestle- and bridge-work. Three of the pupils sent to the Industrial Exhibition the frame-work of a cottage of four rooms, with verandah, and the work was highly commended by the judges.

13th March, 1899.

GEORGE HERON, Instructor.

STATEMENT of the INCOME and EXPENDITURE for the Year 1898.

<i>Income.</i>		<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>Expenditure.</i>		<i>£ s. d.</i>
Capitation grant ..	..	5 19 7	Instructor's salary to 17th May, 1898 ..	..	6 0 0
Fees from pupils ..	..	2 14 0	Balance ..	..	2 13 7
		<u>£8 13 7</u>			<u>£8 13 7</u>

16th March, 1899.

WM. J. DINNISON, Secretary.

WANGANUI TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

SIR,—

Technical School, Wanganui, 6th April, 1899.

I have the honour to submit the following report of the work carried on at this school during the past year:—

The classes have increased largely since my last annual report. The average enrolment for the three terms of 1897 was 64·3, while that for the four quarters of the year just ended was 264·25, being an increase of 200 students. In order to increase the revenue of the school, I suggested that the annual session should be divided into four quarters instead of three terms. This was adopted by the Board, and, as I anticipated, the attendance has been more than maintained.

Average enrolment for 1898: Day classes for drawing and painting, 11; evening classes for drawing and painting, 26; building construction, 6; machine construction, 4; teachers' Saturday class, 22·5; botany, 3; wood-carving, 19; clay-modelling, 2; bench woodwork, 15·5; needlework, 5; dressmaking, 6; experimental science, 19·75; Latin and English, 30·3; mathematics, 20·75; history, 6; shorthand, 5; cooking, 57; lettering, 5; total, 264·25.

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