

principles. An expenditure of about £160 for new typewriters will also have to be faced by the incoming Committee. This can be accomplished only if our claim for subsidy, already sent to the Government, and amounting to £406, be met.

The balance-sheet, giving particulars of receipts and expenditure, is herewith appended, and shows a balance of £3 5s. 1d. on the wrong side of the ledger. There are also accounts amounting to a few pounds outstanding.

Notwithstanding the closeness of our funds, the association continued its former policy of remitting the fees of those students not in a position to pay, and fifteen students were granted remission of fees. In this connection the Committee wish to make known the fact that one member, in addition to his regular subscription, annually donates a special sum to partly cover the cost of the classes these students attend.

STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ended 31st January, 1901.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance 31st January, 1900	236	5 5	Salaries	648	19 9
Class fees	535	1 9	Printing, stationery, and advertising	53	0 9
Subscriptions	86	4 0	Rent, taxes, and insurance	104	11 11
Interest	2	11 5	Gas and coal	31	12 1
Government subsidy	78	1 3	Incidental expenses	7	1 0
Education Board	75	0 0	Apparatus and material for practical classes	19	6 1
Unpresented cheques	£16	3 10	Improvements and repairs	51	17 4
Less bank balance	12	18 9	Gas-engine	100	0 0
		3 5 1			
	£1,016	8 11		£1,016	8 11

Examined and found correct.—C. GRATER, Auditor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The following is the report of the classes carried on at Dunedin and Port Chalmers during the session just ended:—

The total number of students enrolled for the year was 781, an increase of fourteen on last year's enrolment. The magnitude of the work of the association is shown by the fact that forty separate classes were carried on in twenty-six different subjects by a staff of twenty-nine teachers.

The following new classes were carried on by the association: Eleven apprentices signifying their desire to join, the projected class in painters' and decorators' art was opened, the work done being principally graining and marbling. Several tailors' workmen asked the association to undertake the teaching of cutting, and a class was formed during the second quarter. Twelve students joined and attended regularly, but, the class having been in operation such a short time, no examination has been held. To meet the requirements of builders' workmen desirous of learning rope fastening and knotting, Mr. Wall gave a course of lessons, ropes, pulleys, and beams being fixed and individual practice given.

Two additional classes were opened at Port Chalmers—arithmetic and wood-carving. Although the attendance at these two classes during the first quarter was satisfactory, only five attended the former and eight the latter during the second quarter.

A change of teacher during the session always interrupts the work of a class; but the examiners' report shows that the work of the senior English class has not suffered, while the certificates awarded for speed in shorthand are evidence that the standard of former years has been maintained. The junior division of the latter class was rather large and unwieldy, and will probably be subdivided next year, our present junior teacher being well qualified to take charge of a division. The other commercial classes were also large, the highest number attending in book-keeping being ninety-eight, in penmanship forty-four, and in typewriting forty-eight (in four classes of twelve each). Many of the machines require a thorough overhaul, and at least six additional ones are urgently required.

During the second quarter many students inquired for the projected class in practical electricity, and yet the number of students attending physics fell to eight. To the best student of our class in this subject Professor Shand again offers free tuition at the University. Professor Black also has again offered free tuition to the best student in the chemistry class.

Compared with previous years, the number attending practical plumbing shows a great falling-off, but students of the theory of the same subject maintain great interest in their work, and I therefore direct attention to the examiners' report of this class, as well as to that of the carpentry class, which is taught by the same teacher.

To meet the requirements of the examinations of the City and Guilds of London Institute, special classes in plumbing and mechanical engineering were held throughout the summer. Mrs. Collet-Dobson also continued her elocution classes, so that, including botany, there were four classes at work during the summer.

The cookery class grows larger year by year, and during the second quarter the number in attendance reached seventy. The enrolment forms show that all classes of society take advantage of the teaching given in this subject. The cookery-room is now well fitted up, and students before being granted certificates have to undergo a strict and thorough practical examination.

In wood-carving the work is now relief and scroll, of a kind which earns the commendation of the examiners, but most of the students are amateurs. In order to call attention to the class of