

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE MANAGERS OF THE TIMARU TECHNICAL CLASSES ASSOCIATION.

The classes held during the winter months of 1903 fully maintained their usefulness and popularity. The total number of individual students enrolled during the year was 254. There were nineteen classes placed on the syllabus. Of these five failed to proceed for lack of students. It was found impossible to establish the cookery and singing classes. A class in photography was successfully inaugurated. The following shows what classes were carried on during the session, and the numbers in each class each term: Wool-classing, 29, 10; dressmaking, 17, 14; mechanical drawing, 18, 11; modelling from life, 13, 16, 12 (a third term); wood-carving and model-drawing, 11, 12; perspective and geometrical drawing, 8, 9; junior shorthand, 24, 24; senior shorthand, 10, 6; book-keeping, 13, 11; English literature, 22, 21; Latin, 13, 7; French, 4 (no second term); arithmetic, 15 (no second term); photography, 18 (only started second term). With the completion of the new buildings, it is expected that classes in wood-carving, cooking, and sanitary plumbing will be inaugurated.

At the close of the session examinations were held in wool-sorting, book-keeping, and shorthand. It is intended to present the certificates won at these examinations at the opening of the new buildings. The experience of the last three years has shown that the work of the association cannot be carried on without regular help from the citizens of Timaru. The managers, therefore, express the hope that the citizens will warmly support the association in its endeavour to promote the cause of technical education.

Statement of Accounts for Year ending 31st December, 1903.

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance		149	5 9	Salaries		205	19 0
Fees		123	14 10	Working-expenses		34	1 0
Voluntary contributions		34	12 0	Printing and gas		16	13 4
Government grant on account of building		200	0 0	Material and models		3	10 2
				Buildings		60	0 0
				Sundries		0	12 0
				Balance		186	17 1
		<u>£507</u>	<u>12 7</u>			<u>£507</u>	<u>12 7</u>

Audited and found correct.—WM. IRWIN. 26th February, 1904.

G. CRAWSHAW, Secretary.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE MANAGERS OF THE WAIMATE TECHNICAL CLASSES ASSOCIATION.

The following classes were held: Arithmetic, book-keeping, dressmaking, shorthand, English, and mechanical drawing. The attendance, though showing a slight decrease on that of the previous year, was very gratifying, and the managers are pleased to report that the work done by the students was very good. It was also proposed to hold a woodwork class; but, as suitable arrangements could not be made for the proper working of this class, it was decided to postpone the establishment of the class until the new building was completed.

The new building is now nearing completion. It is built of brick, and has three commodious classrooms intended for cookery, woodwork, and science respectively.

Only a few citizens became members of the association during the year, but the outlook for the coming year is more promising. The balance-sheet shows a credit of £7 11s. 9d. on the year's working. The managers take this opportunity of thanking those who assisted in making the classes a success, and also the local bodies who subscribed towards the funds of the association. The attention of the citizens is again directed to the claim the association has upon their earnest support, and the young people of the town would do well to take advantage of the opportunities of self-improvement furnished by the classes.

J. HUTCHINSON, Hon. Secretary.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE MANAGERS OF THE TEMUKA TECHNICAL CLASSES ASSOCIATION.

The managers of the Temuka Technical Classes Association have the honour to submit their first annual report on the working of the classes for the past year, and feel sure that all members will admit that it is a matter for congratulation that the classes, which were started on such a small scale, have attained such an important standing in the district. The residents have heartily supported the inauguration of the classes for technical education in their midst, and though last season's classes were hastily organized, and not in the perfect order and with the full scope that such classes should have, yet it is expected that with the many advantages now possessed by the association the classes next year will show a great improvement, both as regards teaching and the aims in view. The association should be grateful for the financial support accorded them by the Borough Council, Road Board, and School Committee, and trust that when these bodies see the progress of technical education in the district, they will have no cause to regret the support given by them to it.

Financially, the year's operations have been successful to a far greater extent than was anticipated, for whereas at the inauguration of the association teachers took on their duties with the probability of receiving no remuneration whatsoever, our balance-sheet shows that we have paid £110' 2s. in salaries. The receipts for the year have been £202 2s., of which sum £131 15s. 3d. has been received in grants from the Government. The association has a credit balance of £20 0s. 4d., and also possesses three typewriters, purchased during the year with money received for the purpose from the Department.

Advantage has been taken of the free-scholarship regulations in connection with technical education, and a large number of pupils received free tuition during the second quarter. The sum of £15 is still due to the association from the Government on account of these free pupils. A scheme will be submitted to the incoming Board of Managers whereby most of the classes will be made free not only to those who have passed the Sixth Standard of the primary school, but also to others.