

Several friends who are interested in technical instruction have generously donated gifts of money or of appliances to help on the work. Chief of these was H. E. Shacklock (Limited), Dunedin, who donated two cooking-ranges, one to Invercargill and the other to Gore, of the total value of £32 5s. On these voluntary contributions the Government has given a pound-for-pound subsidy. Other donations of lesser value have been received from Messrs. Hayward Bros. and Co., of Christchurch, and Messrs. G. T. Smyth, J. W. Thomson, and W. Field, of Invercargill. To all these friends hearty thanks are due. At the end of the year, Messrs. Riddell, of the woodware-factory, and Dunbar, of the Southland Implement and Engineering Company, threw open their factories for inspection by the teachers in the woodwork class. The teachers took advantage of the invitation and attended in force, and were most courteously and kindly received and conducted over the premises. These visits formed excellent object lessons, and were much appreciated by the teachers.

It was proposed to hold a summer school in Invercargill for the benefit of those teachers in charge of schools situated too far from the railways to enable them to attend the classes held in Invercargill and Gore. It was found, however, that the time originally fixed was not convenient for the majority of those for whose benefit the classes were to be established, and other causes operating unfavourably, the project was abandoned for the time being.

Finance.

The year's financial operations closed with a credit balance of £512 19s. 10d. on the total of the accounts. Of this sum, about £120 is earmarked for the Teachers' Training Account, and other smaller sums, amounting to say £50, belong to other similar accounts, leaving the balance wherewith to carry on operations during the incoming year. The financial position is sound.

Balance-sheet for the Year ending 31st March, 1904.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance from last year	226	16 3	Central Account—		
Central Account—			Advertising and printing	21	13 3
Fees	165	2 0	Apparatus	124	3 2
Capitation	184	15 0	Material	46	2 3
Material-refund	38	0 4	Salaries	199	2 6
Exhibition receipts	12	2 6	Rent of rooms	3	0 0
Schools Technical Account—Capitation ..	185	12 6	Rent of section	2	10 0
Schools Standard Account—			Water rates	1	11 6
Capitation	318	16 1	Exhibition expenses	11	15 11
Permanent apparatus grant	99	17 2	Janitor	7	10 0
Teachers' Training Account—			Administration (year and a half) ..	150	0 0
Government grant	150	0 0	Schools Technical Account—		
Material-refund	9	16 3	Salaries	101	0 4
Gore Technical Account—			Material	34	17 6
Fees	6	0 0	Apparatus	6	7 6
Capitation	2	14 0	Schools Standard Account—		
Government grant for apparatus ..	94	18 9	Material	107	4 2
Mataura Technical Account—			Permanent apparatus	76	0 0
Fees	8	15 0	Teachers' Training Account—		
Capitation	3	6 0	Salaries	86	0 0
Central Building Account—			Material	43	2 6
Government grant	557	0 0	Janitor	2	10 0
Government subsidy on voluntary contributions	22	3 0	Gore Technical Account—		
Gore Building Account—Government subsidy on voluntary contribution ..	10	2 0	Salaries	8	14 0
Needlework Account—Capitation ..	215	10 9	Advertising and printing	2	2 6
Country Continuation Account—Capitation ..	22	16 9	Apparatus	92	8 4
			Rent of building	23	2 6
			Mataura Technical Account—		
			Salaries	15	15 0
			Advertising, &c.	1	10 0
			Central Building Account	400	8 6
			Gore Building Account	14	5 7
			Needlework Account—Payments to teachers ..	215	10 9
			Country Continuation Account—Payments to teachers	22	16 9
			Balance	512	19 10
	<u>£2,334</u>	<u>4 4</u>		<u>£2,334</u>	<u>4 4</u>

In conclusion, I have again to record my thanks to all connected with educational matters in this office and district and in the central Department at Wellington for their forbearance and kindly assistance rendered in many ways during the past year.

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