

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT ON THE CLASSES CONDUCTED BY THE RANGIORA TECHNICAL CLASSES ASSOCIATION.

The Managers have much pleasure in reporting that a keen interest is still being taken in the subjects taught—namely, cookery and dressmaking. The attendance at all the classes is excellent, and very satisfactory results are being obtained. It is proposed to start a class for shorthand and typewriting next term if a sufficient number of pupils can be obtained, also a woodwork class for the public-school boys in May next, if arrangements for a suitable building can be made.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1905, in respect of the Classes conducted by the Rangiora Technical Classes Association.

Receipts.				Expenditure.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year	..	..	18 2 3	Salaries of instructors	..	..	65 0 0
Capitation on classes	..	..	47 13 3	Office expenses (including salaries, stationery, &c.)	..	..	0 13 3
Rent	..	..	4 0 0	Advertising and printing	..	..	1 19 2
Fees	..	..	25 8 9	Lighting and heating	..	..	1 0 0
Sales	..	..	0 5 0	Rent	..	..	4 0 0
				Material for class use	..	..	0 7 6
				Education Board allowance to instructor	..	..	6 15 0
				Care taker	..	..	9 0 0
				Bank charges, &c.	..	..	0 12 0
				Balance at end of year	..	..	6 2 4
			<u>£95 9 3</u>				<u>£95 9 3</u>

JAMES MARSHALL, Hon. Secretary.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE MANAGERS OF THE SCHOOL OF DOMESTIC INSTRUCTION.

The Managers have to report another year's successful work. The attendance at both school and associated classes for cookery and dressmaking has been satisfactory. Laundry classes have not been held during the year owing to the lack of accommodation. Demonstration classes open to the public at a small charge have been given during the year, and the attendance has been large. Much more useful work may be done in this direction with better accommodation. The attendance at the various classes was as follows: Associated classes—first term 173, second term 130, third term 131; teachers' classes, 36; school classes—St. Alban's 63, Sydenham 53, West Christchurch 90, East Christchurch 101, Richmond 78, Waltham 54, Woolston 34, Normal School 59.

Though the school has established for itself "a name," it has not been successful in acquiring "a habitation." The premises in which the work has been carried on during the year were taken temporarily whilst negotiations with the Government were pending, which it was hoped would result in the school securing a permanent home. But for inexplicable reasons nothing resulted. The Managers, fully aware of the drawbacks arising from unsuitable buildings and change of location, have taken on themselves the responsibility of renting, on a five-years lease, at a rent of £200 per annum, part of a building now in course of erection at the north-west corner of Worcester and Manchester Streets. The rooms will be built and fitted for the accommodation of the school, and it is hoped will prove in every way suitable. There will, at all events, be some security of tenure, and the position is all that can be desired. The Managers are convinced that the usefulness of the school may be extended. At present they are unable to offer any inducement to more proficient pupils to take up teaching as a profession, though there is a constant demand for teachers. It can scarcely be expected that girls or women will give their services for two or three years without remuneration; and at present the school does not provide sufficient employment for teachers under training. Application has been made to the Education Department to provide scholarships, but without success. In several of the cities of Europe companies have been formed for the supply of cooked meals to private families. The plan has proved successful, and the financial results satisfactory. There is at present a demand for some such work in Christchurch, which could be supplied by the school, and so the necessary employment and experience would be provided for advanced pupils.

Mrs. R. D. Harman held the usual examination for certificates during the past year, and twelve pupils were successful. The examiner reported as follows: "The arrangements for the work were all most complete, all ingredients and utensils in readiness. Of course, as the class was a large one, the practical tests had to be simple, but the work was well and neatly done, quite up to the usual high standard of the school. The candidates showed great method and aptitude in commencing work, accuracy in weighing, measuring, and proportioning the quantities of material, flavouring, &c., required for the dishes. The appearance and general quality of the cookery was good, the dishing-up and garnishing being neat and tasteful. Good method and orderliness was displayed in the scullery-work. The written papers were excellent, the questions being answered most scientifically, and in a manner which showed the thoroughness of the teaching received."

It is hoped that during the present year lectures will be given on the chemistry of cooking, hygiene, domestic sanitation, &c. The Managers again have much pleasure in according their best thanks to the members of the staff for their faithful services during the year. With regard to the statement of accounts, it will be noticed that, whilst the earnings of the school in grants, fees, and sales have been increased, the totals of receipts and expenditure and the credit balance are smaller. The reason is that certain grants from the Government and the North Canterbury Education Board for capitation on school classes, towards rent and outlay on apparatus and utensils, were not received when the accounts were closed on the 31st December, 1905. The school accounts for material for the months of November and December (say, £60) are still unpaid. When these have been met, the financial condition of the school will be better than at the beginning of last year.