

T. Scott (representing the Dunedin City Council). Mr. Burt was re-elected chairman, and Mr. Eunsou hon. treasurer. As in previous years changes in the teaching staff were necessitated by the promotion of teachers to positions distant from Dunedin. Thus it was that the services of Miss E. Lilly Wilson, Messrs. W. Gibson, W. L. Harrison, M.A., J. R. Rutherford, M.A., and W. F. Watters, B.A., were lost to the Association. To fill the vacancies on the staff the following appointments were made: Mr. Oliver Duff (intermediate English), Mr. William Rodger (Latin), Mr. Charles Young (mathematics), Mr. Walter Graham (practical mathematics), Mr. J. A. Fitzgerald (commercial arithmetic), Mr. Robert A. Farquharson, B.Sc. (physics), Miss R. Wilson (assistant cookery). Owing to the crowded state of several classes a few temporary additions to the staff were also made. Dr. Marshall was engaged for a special term, and conducted a very successful class for the instruction of teachers in elementary geology. The numbers enrolled for all the classes with which the Association was connected were: At Dunedin 722, at Mosgiel 20, at Outram 17, at Milton 25, and at Oamaru 291. The enrolment, compared with previous years, shows a falling-off. This is, however, partly explained by the fact that the want of accommodation prevented our making provision for the usual classes in tailoring, Maori, practical electricity, elocution, and several classes suggested for the first time. In so far as the work of the classes is concerned, the operations of the year have been very carefully summarised by the superintendent in his annual report. Of the 54 classes carried on in the Dunedin Technical School 13 were continuation classes, 19 were commercial, and 22 were technical, a pleasing feature being the preponderance of technical subjects taught. At Oamaru classes were opened by a local committee acting in the name of the Dunedin Technical Association, and as soon as the necessary formalities were complied with the various associated bodies of the Oamaru district elected managers, and connection with our Association thereupon ceased. The classes were carried to a successful issue, and we have now only to express the wish that the good work thus entered upon may prosper and expand. Since the last annual meeting the Board of Management has been able to make a great forward step, the erection of a very large addition to the present buildings having been commenced in November last. The contractor (Mr. F. W. Lyders) has, unfortunately, been somewhat delayed by the prevailing bad weather, and this delay will probably necessitate the postponement of the opening of the classes for the forthcoming session. In this new portion much-needed provision is made for the requirements of the trade and technical classes, special rooms being provided for plumbing, carpentry, tailoring, dressmaking, painters' and decorators' art, shorthand, type-writing, and cookery. There are also fine laboratories for chemistry and physics, a cell-room, and a dynamo-room. The furnishings and fittings for these large rooms will entail a very considerable outlay, and while, no doubt, part of this will be met by Government grants, assistance from local bodies will also be required. In the Education Act provision exists whereby Corporations and other local bodies are empowered to make contributions in aid of technical-school work and buildings. The Managers, therefore, during the year approached several of the municipalities of the city district. The Dunedin City Council unhesitatingly voted £200, North-east Valley agreed to give £50, Roslyn £50, and the Maori Hill Council undertook to subsidise £1 for £1 on local subscriptions, and the residents of that district at once made a liberal response. Some of the other municipalities have not as yet been approached, but in view of the large number of pupils that come from these suburbs to attend our classes it is hoped that they will this year make some contribution to the funds of the Association. A copy of the statement of receipts and expenditure is herewith appended, and shows the credit balance to be just over £10. It is to be noted, however, that various Government grants and allowances have come to hand since the end of the financial year. The Education Department, it should be mentioned, has again given every consideration to our applications, and met them in fair spirit. By their careful work and valuable reports, the honorary examiners have contributed in no small measure to the work and reputation of our school, and they are again tendered hearty thanks for assistance so freely given. Several of the professors at the University, we wish to remind members, very considerably grant free tuition to the scholars leading in specified classes, and they certainly deserve mention for such concessions. Nor should we, in concluding a review of the undertakings and progress of the year, omit acknowledgement of the services of the energetic superintendent and his able and loyal staff.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1905.

<i>Receipts.</i>		<i>Expenditure.</i>	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Bank balance, 31st December, 1904	104 4 3	Salaries of instructors	1,012 15 0
Capitation on classes	623 6 6	Office expenses (salaries, stationery, &c.)	132 10 0
Capitation on technical scholarships	184 18 0	Advertising and printing	58 10 6
Buildings (rent)	5 5 0	Lighting and heating	35 17 8
Furniture, fittings, and apparatus	0 0 10	Insurance and repairs	38 3 1
Railway fares	33 7 10	Rent	5 1 0
Subsidies on voluntary subscriptions	236 8 3	Material for classes	50 13 5
Fees	356 17 6	Water rates	7 2 0
Voluntary contributions	295 3 6	Railway fares refunded	17 7 10
Sundry sales	14 16 0	Government grants refunded to Oamaru	
Contractor's deposit	152 13 0	Association	98 3 9
		Contracts (new buildings, additions, &c.)	500 0 0
		Furniture, fittings, and apparatus	89 10 0
		Balance	11 6 5
	<u>£2,057 0 8</u>		<u>£2,057 0 8</u>

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

At Dunedin, owing to the limited accommodation at our disposal, the number of classes had to be reduced, and those for practical electricity, elocution, and tailor's cutting were allowed to lapse for the year. Expecting that intending students at Port Chalmers would have a more suitable time train-service, I did not make arrangements for continuing the classes at that place.