

ing on the classes. It will do about half the work, but I will have to do the other half for the classes, and the instructors, they could be got. We are not as well as we used to be, but we have indicated that we hold the location as soon as it is vacated for next year's session. In the

At the close of last session a very satisfactory exhibition of practical work in connection with the various classes was held in the Middle School, and visited by a large number of the public, who showed a gratifying interest in every section. Special mention may be made of the refreshments, which were prepared by the teachers and students of the cookery class, and reflected the greatest credit on all.

As far as the financial position of the Association is concerned, it will be observed from the accompanying balance-sheet that the receipts from all sources were £515 15s., and the total expenditure £491 14s. 1d., leaving a credit balance at the end of the year of £24 0s. 11d. This, we think, cannot be considered as other than satisfactory in the circumstances, though the balance would necessarily be swallowed up by the expenses of starting the carpentering and country dress-making classes, and other incidentals. We must also point out that there are liabilities of over £12 for plumbing material, &c., still outstanding, so that the balance is very considerably reduced. The fact must also be borne in mind that possibly a big outlay faces us at the conclusion of the current year in connection with taking over the old Customhouse. Our sincere thanks are due to the subscribers to the Association, especially the Oamaru Borough Council, the Waitaki County Council, and the two life members, the Hon. George Jones and Dr. Don. We should like to see more of the latter, and also the public generally, becoming subscribers to and patrons of the work of the Association, in which every resident of the town and district should be interested, and will be, directly or indirectly, benefited. In conclusion, the hearty thanks of the Managers are due to all those who have in any way assisted during the year to further the work of the Association, especially to the supervising examiners, and to the local Press for the sympathetic co-operation and assistance it has extended.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year to the 12th February, 1906, in respect of the Classes conducted by the Oamaru Technical Classes Association.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
Capitation on classes		217	18	0	Salaries of instructors		247	7	0
Buildings (rent)		25	0	0	Advertising and printing		19	12	3
Furniture, fittings, and apparatus		81	0	11	Lighting and heating		11	3	6
Material		15	16	1	Insurance		0	16	0
Subsidies on voluntary contributions		53	10	0	Rent		34	8	0
Fees		64	17	6	Material for class use		27	6	3
Voluntary contributions		54	15	0	Sundry accounts		21	14	6
Sundry receipts		2	17	6	Furniture, fittings, and apparatus		129	6	7
					Balance		24	0	11
		£515	15	0			£515	15	0

THOS. WILLIAMSON, Chairman.
H. KING, Secretary.