

were well attended and were exceedingly popular. Classes were also held at both places in conjunction with the nature-study lessons, in cardboard modelling, and blackboard and model drawing. The cookery and woodwork classes were closed down after the examinations of the City and Guilds of London Institute, which were held in May, because it seemed to be needless training teachers in subjects which were not likely to be recognised by the Department as applicable to the curriculum of ordinary schools.

The following successes were obtained in connection with the technological examinations of the City and Guilds of London Institute: Telegraphy and telephony, 1 first-class pass; plain cookery, 3 first-class and 3 second-class passes; woodwork—first year 3 passes, final 1 first- and 1 second-class pass. Successes at the examinations of the Board of Education, South Kensington, were—model-drawing, 1 first-class pass; freehand drawing, 1 second-class pass.

The balance-sheet shows the funds to be in a satisfactory condition. Last year closed with a debit balance of £224 19s.; for the present year there is a credit balance of £236 2s. 7d. Careful administration, however, will have to be practised next year, as the capitation payments on the schools standard classes have been very materially reduced. Mr. Hogben, the Inspector-General of Schools, during his visit to Invercargill in the month of May, met a large gathering of teachers in Ashley's Hall, when he delivered an exceedingly able and instructive lecture on the teaching of mathematical geography. Mr. Hogben received a very hearty vote of thanks from those present. In June, Mr. E. C. Isaac, Organizing Inspector of Manual and Technical Instruction, visited Invercargill on his annual tour of inspection of technical schools. He inspected all the central technical and continuation classes, and as many of the handwork classes in the town, country, and suburban schools as he could overtake in the time at his disposal. The Education Department has been most considerate in dealing with the various applications for grants and claims for capitation that have been made from time to time. No difference of any moment has occurred between this office and the Department throughout the year, and every claim has been fairly met. I have also to acknowledge with gratitude the consideration shown by the teachers and others concerned while engaged in carrying out the duties of my office.

Balance-sheet for the Year ended 31st December, 1905.

[illegible]

W. A. McCaw,
Director of Technical Instruction.

Approximate Cost of Paper.—Preparation, not given; printing (3,850 copies), £43. 13s.

By Authority: JOHN MACKAY, Government Printer, Wellington.—1906.

Price 1s. 3d.