

*Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1908, in respect of Associated Classes conducted at the Wellington Technical School.*

<i>Receipts.</i>				<i>Expenditure.</i>			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year ..	..	46	10	3	Salaries of instructors ..	..	5,913 16 0
Capitation on associated classes ..	..	4,061	2	9	Office expenses ..	..	49 14 7
Capitation on account of free places ..	..	1,791	12	11	Advertising and printing ..	..	122 19 0
Furniture, fittings, and apparatus ..	..	940	19	4	Lighting and heating ..	..	237 8 5
Material ..	..	581	8	10	Insurance and repairs ..	..	35 15 9
Subsidies on voluntary contributions ..	..	358	5	0	Rent ..	..	40 1 0
Fees ..	..	1,330	13	6	Examinations, &c. ..	..	84 3 6
Voluntary contributions ..	..	326	5	0	Material for class use ..	..	556 0 7
Salaries ..	..	220	0	0	Library ..	..	76 9 2
Refunds ..	..	109	11	6	Travelling-expenses ..	..	64 6 1
Plumbing examination, expenses ..	..	23	0	9	Sundries ..	..	126 8 3
Prizes ..	..	5	5	0	Furniture, fittings, and apparatus ..	..	163 2 3
Sundries ..	..	1	1	0	Balance at end of year ..	..	2,325 11 3
	£9,795	15	10			£9,795	15 10

JOHN P. LUKE, Chairman } of Managers.  
W. S. LA TROBE, Secretary }

**EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE MANAGERS OF THE PETONE TECHNICAL CLASSES ASSOCIATION.**

The Managers, in issuing their fifth annual report, are pleased to state that, considering the disadvantages of working without a fully equipped building, satisfactory progress has been made during the year. Now that a thoroughly modern Technical School has been provided by the Education Department, the Managers hope that the local loyalty of parents and young people will result in enthusiastic support and attendance in connection with the classes already established. A large number of students continue to avail themselves of the "free place" privilege granted by the Government, and it is hoped that there will be a considerable increase in that number when parents of the Hutt Valley understand what varied subjects of instruction are provided for. The new building now being opened has rooms specially fitted up so as to give the best results in carpentry, plumbing, cookery, drawing, and science. These are ample in size, and, with no overcrowding of classes, each student can feel assured of a good share of individual instruction. The number of students who attended the school during the year was 136, made up as follows: English, 18; mathematics, 21; Latin, 1; book-keeping, 1; geometry, 10; dressmaking, 7; carpentry and architectural drawing, 21; shorthand, typewriting, and correspondence, 13; art, 9; electricity and magnetism, 4; plumbing, 24; mechanical drawing and machine-construction, 7. The following extracts are taken from instructors' reports for the past year: The carpentry class (Mr. George L. Hooper) has had an attendance above the average of previous years, and the interest taken in the work has been very satisfactory. Instruction has been given in the various classes of work connected with the building trade, also the steps taken in the erection and completion of a dwellinghouse, including setting out the posts, squaring building, placing of piles, erection of framework, setting out various kinds of roofs, lengths of hips and valleys, also outside and inside finishing, with calculation for the various classes of work. The progress made by the pupils in this work has been very satisfactory. Very creditable work has been done from instruction given in the various details of building-construction, foundations, bonds in brickwork, brick arches, calculations for loads on buildings, and architectural drawing. The continuation classes (Mr. E. King, M.A., B.Sc.) had a satisfactory attendance. Since last year's report one student passed Matriculation, and one passed the Medical Preliminary. Two passed in Plumbers' Geometry, and one in Civil Service Junior. A primary-school pupil who had gone to work was able to continue his studies so that he gained a Standard VI. proficiency certificate. In magnetism and electricity (Mr. S. G. Walsh), the attendance and behaviour of the few pupils have been good, and their progress has shown marked improvement. One pupil has passed the City and Guilds Wiremen's Examination, held last June at Wellington. Another pupil, who was attending the Petone class the first year and went to Wellington for his second year, obtained his highest marks on his first-year subjects at the same examination for Electrical Engineering Preparatory. In the plumbing classes (Mr. J. T. Hopkins, R.P.C.), slackness of trade militated against attendance, but nevertheless twenty-six pupils attended. The work has been very good, and, with the new workshop to work in and better appliances, we hope to turn out still better work. In the Wellington Examination for Plumbers, held in August, we sent three students for practical work, and obtained one pass. We also sent six for theory, and obtained five first-class and one second. In May last we sent two students for the much-coveted City and Guilds of London Institute Examination, and both passed in theory and practice. The drawing and painting classes (Mr. F. W. Clayton) show good work, and several pupils have promised to attend next term. The work done compares favourably with the work of the Wellington school. The lighting of the room was bad, but this is expected to be remedied in the new quarters. In mechanical drawing and machine-construction (Mr. J. H. Burn) the attendance was small in comparison with that of former years, but the work done was indeed very satisfactory. Several intending pupils have expressed their desire to resume studies when the new school opens. Typewriting, shorthand, and correspondence (Mr. W. Rowden) had a smaller number of students than in the preceding year, but the attendance was well maintained throughout. The progress of the pupils on the whole was good. The work done by the free-place pupils is not as satisfactory as it might be, this no doubt being due to the fact that the time necessary to be devoted to the "winged art" is taken up with their other studies. If a rearrangement of time-table were possible, this difficulty of preparation would probably be remedied. The dressmaking and cutting class (Miss K. Stewart) was smaller than usual, but attendance was regular. The advan-