

that the superior classing that is bound to follow the training received must result in better prices being obtained at our wool-sales. Early in the year, thanks to a Government grant of £200, the Association erected an art room and an up-to-date wool-sorting room. Besides this work the Board improved the water-supply by shifting and considerably raising the windmill, towards the cost of which the Education Board and District High School Committee contributed. Water and gas were laid on to the Association's new building, and the Board hopes to be able to make a few other improvements during the incoming year. In addition to the classes conducted by the Association in the Technical School, the South Canterbury Education Board used the buildings for three woodwork classes, three cookery classes, and two chemistry classes. In order to encourage good work, the management last year decided to issue certificates to students who undergo training in the various technical subjects, but it was only possible to examine the wool-sorting class, one student of which was successful in gaining a first-class certificate. This year pupils will, if they wish, have an opportunity of sitting for certificates in other classes.

The Managers have again to express their thanks for the liberal way in which the various associated bodies and private individuals have supported the institution by contributions in money and in kind. Several farmers donated fleeces from their stud flocks. The financial position is very satisfactory, the credit balance on the 31st December, 1908, being £56 5s. 7d., and, as there are only a few small accounts outstanding, there will be ample to give the 1909 classes a good start. We have reason to believe that the school will be well attended this year, and the results should show that still further progress is being made.

M. McLEOD, B.A., Chairman.

J. T. SMART, Director.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1908, in respect of Associated Classes conducted by the Temuka Technical Classes Association.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	79	1	11	Salaries of instructors	149	6	6
Capitation on associated classes	95	12	6	Office expenses (including salaries, stationery, &c.)	51	11	3
Buildings	200	0	0	Advertising and printing	6	1	9
Subsidies on voluntary contributions	61	11	0	Lighting and heating (including £10, janitor)	20	0	3
Fees	42	0	0	Insurance and repairs	8	1	8
Voluntary contributions	62	17	0	Material for class use	11	17	10
Cookery sales	7	14	0	Bank charges	1	8	8
Deposit on building-work	10	0	0	Instructors' train fares	0	10	10
Insurance rebate	0	1	9	Instructor's board	10	5	6
				Shifting windmill, &c.	16	4	7
				Contracts (new buildings, additions, &c.)	192	0	0
				Architect, &c.	10	12	0
				Furniture, fittings, and apparatus	14	12	2
				Refund contractor's deposit	10	0	0
				Balance at end of year	56	5	7
	<u>£558</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>£558</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>2</u>

M. McLEOD, Chairman }
J. T. SMART, Secretary } of Managers.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE WAIMATE TECHNICAL CLASSES ASSOCIATION.

The Board of Managers have the honour of submitting the seventh annual report on the working of the technical classes for 1908. The subjects of instruction have been as follows (the appended numbers are the rolls of the various classes): Cookery, 11; woodwork, 12; electricity, 24; chemistry, 15; wood-carving, 18; shorthand, 41; typewriting, 41; dressmaking, 28; total, 190. The attendance at most of these classes is not what is ought to be with so many young people in the district. It is a great pity they do not avail themselves of this opportunity of continuing their education after leaving school; but Waimate is not alone in this—the lack of interest in these classes on the part of the young people of the Dominion is a source of complaint in every district where these classes are being conducted. The best-attended classes have been those for shorthand and typewriting, which is mainly due to the pupils of the District High School attending.

The Managers are desirous of combining with the Managers of the Timaru and Temuka classes in formulating some plan by which they may secure itinerant instructors for certain subjects, and are in treaty with these bodies with this object in view. The finances are sound. When the capitation is received we shall have a surplus, though not a large one.

H. C. BARCLAY, Chairman.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1908, in respect of Associated Classes conducted by the Waimate Technical Classes Association.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Capitation on associated classes	125	6	8	Balance at beginning of year	54	8	8
Furniture, fittings, and apparatus	63	14	0	Salaries of instructors	127	12	0
Fees	16	10	7	Office expenses (including salaries, stationery, &c.)	13	19	9
Voluntary contributions	30	13	6	Advertising and printing	7	2	6
Interest, savings-bank	3	9	9	Lighting and heating	8	5	4
Balance at end of year	11	9	11	Insurance and repairs	4	17	8
				Material for class use	12	17	2
				Furniture, fittings, and apparatus	22	1	4
	<u>£251</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>£251</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

H. C. BARCLAY, Chairman }
W. H. BECKETT, Secretary } of Managers.