

## OTAGO.

## EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL OF ART.

During the period over which this report extends—viz., the 4th February to the 14th December—the total number of individual students who received instruction was 498. This number includes 174 teachers and pupil-teachers, 76 students of the Training College, 105 students who attended the day classes, and 143 students who attended the evening classes. The school was open daily from 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from 5.45 p.m. to 9 p.m., and on Saturday from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon. The courses of instruction in the various classes were on lines similar to those of last year. The junior class received instruction in freehand and model drawing, brushwork, and the arranging of floral forms to fill given geometrical figures. The pupils were regular in their attendance and were very painstaking in their work. Day classes for drawing and painting: Most of the work done by students attending these classes was from models, common and natural objects, plants, still life, and landscape-painting from nature. Outdoor sketching was practised when the weather was favourable. Design: The elementary students of this class have been trained to draw and colour plant-form and natural objects, and elementary design, while the more advanced ones who have had preparatory training in this subject have been encouraged to study that branch of design more immediately connected with their work. This has been a most popular class. The students worked earnestly, and produced a large amount of satisfactory work during the session. Modelling: The students attending this class worked from plant-form, natural objects, the figure, and their own designs, casting from waste and piece moulds. The quality of the work executed by the students has been highly satisfactory. Training College: The courses of instruction for students attending the junior division of the Training College included freehand and model drawing, blackboard drawing, and practical geometry. The senior division studied brushwork, design, modelling, and blackboard drawing. The students took keen interest in their work, and on the whole did good work. Classes for head teachers, assistants, and pupil-teachers were held in the evenings and on Saturday morning. The attendance was much too large for the accommodation at our disposal. Frequently the crowded state of the rooms interfered considerably with the work. The subjects of instruction were freehand and model drawing, light and shade, plant-form and design in colour, modelling, plant-form, design, casting from waste and piece moulds, blackboard drawing, geometrical drawing, and perspective. The majority of the teachers took two or three subjects, while the pupil-teachers devoted their attention to the subjects necessary for the D certificate. During the session excellent work, especially in brushwork and modelling from original designs, was done. Science classes: The courses of instruction were very similar to those of last year, and comprised practical plane and solid geometry, building-construction, and machine construction and drawing. The students worked very earnestly, and the standard of work has been well maintained. Mr. Armstrong, who has so long filled the position of instructor in machine construction and drawing, resigned, and Mr. Wales, a highly qualified gentleman, took his place.

D. C. HUTTON, Principal.

*Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1908, in respect of Special Classes conducted at Dunedin by the Otago Education Board.*

Receipts.				Expenditure.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capitation on special classes ..	465	18	3	Balance at beginning of year ..	746	5	7
Capitation on account of free places ..	46	0	3	Salaries of instructors ..	896	11	4
Technical instruction of teachers ..	300	0	0	Office expenses (including salaries, stationery, &c.) ..	30	0	0
Fees ..	263	11	8	Advertising and printing ..	56	5	10
Balance at end of year ..	706	6	3	Lighting and heating ..	29	17	8
				Material for class use ..	22	15	7
	£1,781	16	0		£1,781	16	0

P. G. PRYDE, Secretary.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE MANAGERS OF THE DUNEDIN TECHNICAL CLASSES ASSOCIATION.

The Managers have pleasure in submitting the twentieth annual report. At the beginning of the year the Minister of Education increased the number of Managers to fourteen, and the associated bodies elected representatives as follows: Otago Education Board—Hon. T. Fergus, Rev. P. B. Fraser, M.A., and Messrs. G. C. Israel, William Scott, and James Mitchell. Technical Classes Association—Messrs. J. F. Arnold, M.P., A. Burt, D. R. Eunson, A. Sligo, G. M. Thomson, M.P., F.L.S. Dunedin City Council—Messrs. J. Loudon, T. Scott, J. Small, and J. H. Walker. Early in the year Messrs. J. Loudon and J. Small were replaced by Councillors J. B. Shacklock and R. W. Rutherford. At the first meeting Mr. Thomson was re-elected Chairman and Mr. Silgo Treasurer.

The Director's report shows that during the year eighty-six classes were held, seventy-nine being held at Dunedin and seven at country centres. The number of enrolments during the year was 1087 (Dunedin 994, country centres 93).

Last year the Education Department agreed to grant £1,100, the sum required to complete the building and provide the rooms necessary for the teaching of mechanical engineering, but early in the year it was found that at least an additional £700 would be required for the purpose. The Chairman and