national art travelling scholarship, similar to the annual travelling scholarships granted by the English Board of Education, should be available for New Zealand art students. Thanks are due to Messrs. Jr. W. Gibb and Hammond and Co. for special prizes, and also to W. H. Montgomery, Esq., for a valuable prize for figure-drawing, and to the executors of the late Mr. William Sey for prizes in connection with the signwriting class. In conclusion, I have to thank the Board for the support given to me in my efforts to further the benefits and growth of the school.

R. HERDMAN-SMITH, F.S.A.M., &c., Director.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1911.

Receipts.	£		d.	Expenditure.	£s	s. d.
Balance, 1st January, 1911	. 121	10	11	Salaries	691	5 4
Students' fees	. 442	19	6	Contribution towards expenses of Registrar's		
Grant from North Canterbury Board	of			office	80	0 0
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Grant from Museum, Library, and School			_	Fuel	12	7 1
Technical Science endowment	. 300	0	0	Expenses of Speech Night and exhibition		8 2
Grant from Boys' High School for instruc				Material for classes		7 8
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## Geo. G. Mason, Registrar.

## SOUTH CANTERBURY.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE INSPECTORS OF SCHOOLS.

During the year 30 classes have been recognized in elementary agriculture. The interest in school-gardening is well maintained, and many of the teachers are entitled to praise for the enthusiasm they have shown and the hard work they have expended in making the gardens not only beautiful, but also useful as a field for developing the observational faculties of the children. Handwork in various forms is taken up in the lower classes, and the lessons in cookery and woodwork continue to be given in the higher classes of the large schools with very marked success.

## EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

Associated classes were conducted by the different Technical Associations at Timaru, Temuka, Waimate, Fairlie, and Pleasant Point. The Board has no jurisdiction over these classes except through their two representatives on the Board of Management at each centre. The Board has, however, to forward all capitation claims, &c., and conduct all correspondence between the associations and the Department. This takes up a considerable amount of time, and the Board receives nothing in return for administration. Local control of technical schools, no doubt, has the effect of creating greater interest in the work, as is shown by the flourishing position of each of the associations in the district. At the same time it would be well if there could be some form of co-operation amongst the managers of the different associations in the way of appointing itinerant instructors. It often happens that classes cannot be carried on because suitable instructors are not available locally.

Special classes under the full control of the Board were confined last year to teachers' classes and classes in dressmaking at Hannaton and Winchester. Teachers' classes were conducted in agriculture and drawing. Mr. John Brown, B.Sc., assisted by Messrs. Cross and Grant, gave a course of lessons in agriculture. Most of the work done was of a practical nature, and it is hoped that the course proved of some benefit to the teachers in carrying out their schemes of instruction in agriculture. The average attendance at this class was 30. The class in drawing was ably carried on by Mr. William Greene; the students attending this class did good work, as is shown by the results at the teachers' examinations. The class in dressmaking at Hannaton was taught by Miss Shrimpton, and the class in dressmaking at Winchester was taught by Miss Smith, the Board's instructor at the district high schools.

Classes in elementary handwork were held at 32 different schools in the district. The courses taken up were almost identical with those taught and taken up last year. Brush drawing, however, is now taught only at a few schools, as there appears to be no place for it in the curriculum. The course adopted generally includes bricklaying, stick-laying, paper-folding, paper-weaving, and plasticine-modelling in the preparatory classes; plasticine-modelling in Standard I; carton-work in Standards II and III; cardboard-modelling in Standards IV and V; and, where practicable, woodwork and cookery in Standards V and VI. This course seems to give entire satisfaction, and forms the best means of correlating the work with other subjects. In some cases in the smaller schools elementary handwork subjects are taken in the lower standards, and dropped in the higher standards