

boy obtained an appointment before the end of the year, and in all cases, in answer to my inquiries, the pupils have given every satisfaction. Two half-yearly examinations were held during the year. Sixteen pupils were recommended for Senior Free Places, and these were granted by the Department. During the year visits of inspection were made to the Napier Woollen-mills, Napier Poultry-farm, Acetone Welding and Illuminating Company, and H.M.S. "Encounter," the visits proving a source of enjoyment and instruction to the pupils. Three exhibitions of work have been held, one during Industries Week, when the school was thrown open to the public for the whole week, the ordinary work of the school proceeding as usual; one at the Hastings Agricultural and Pastoral Show, the exhibits consisting of specimens of work in engineering, machine-drawing, geometry, model-drawing, art, ticket-writing, woodwork, cookery, dressmaking, needlework, and millinery, and also the usual exhibition of work done during the year at the close of the year. It is estimated that fully three thousand persons visited the school during the exhibition in Industries Week.

The Education Department has again acted liberally in the matter of equipment, the following additions being authorized: Three lathes, grinditure taps and dies, calipers, pipe-wrenches, reamers, meter rules, knurling-wheels, smiths' tools, micrometer gauges, vernier rules, &c., for the engineering department; wood-turning lathes and new bench-screws for the woodwork department; two sewing-machines, a complete dinner service, and cutlery for the domestic department; and science books for the library. One of the rooms has been furnished with tables, settee, chairs, and linoleum as a sitting-room for the girls—a long-felt want. Hockey and tennis clubs have been carried on for the girls, cricket and football for the boys, and swimming for both boys and girls; also physical exercises for girls and military drill for boys. Swimming certificates have been obtained as under: Two for one mile, one for half-mile, two for quarter-mile, and two for 220 yards.

Mr. E. C. Isaac, the departmental Inspector, visited the school early in the year, giving some very valuable advice, and his report generally expresses satisfaction with the work attempted.

Work in the evening classes has proceeded in a very satisfactory manner throughout the year, the number of pupils being largely in excess of the previous year, and, although it is a matter for regret that the average attendance is not as high as it might be, the work done by those who attended regularly is very satisfactory. The actual number of pupils admitted, excluding any technical classes held during the day, was 309, made up of—senior free pupils 57, junior free pupils 128, and paying pupils 124. The number admitted in 1911 was 230. The highest average attendance for any one week was 380 and the lowest 301, compared with 291 and 260 in 1911. Fourteen pupils were recommended for and were granted Senior Free Places by the Department. It is worthy of notice that the greatest number of failures occur in the first year, proving that as pupils get more advanced their interest in the work increases. One hundred pupils made the necessary number of attendances at grouped courses of study to qualify for the special capitulation. Classes were carried on in the following subjects: English, arithmetic, mathematics, book-keeping, shorthand and typing, plumbing, machine drawing and mechanics, geometry, engineering, wool-classing, ticket-writing, art, woodwork, electric wiring, cookery, dressmaking, millinery, needlework, building-construction, and Senior Civil Service subjects, the classes being grouped into courses as follows: Building trade, cabinetmaking, engineering, plumbing, commercial, and domestic; and it is a matter for congratulation that the majority of students attended a course of subjects rather than isolated classes.

A number of students entered for the South Kensington and the City and Guilds of London Institute Examinations with the following results: Model-drawing, 1; electricity, 1; machine-drawing, 1; cookery, 4; plumbing, 1; woodwork, 1; cabinetmaking, 2.

In conclusion, I have to return most hearty thanks to the officers of the Education Department for suggestions and also for meeting our requirements in so liberal a spirit, to the Board of Managers for advice and assistance rendered, and to the members of the staff who have given of their best, working in a loyal and enthusiastic manner for the benefit of the College.

WALTER FOSSEY, Director.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1912, in respect of Associated Classes conducted at the Napier Technical College.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year ..	639	4 7	Salaries of instructors ..	1,615	5 0
Capitation on classes ..	1,199	7 4	Office expenses (including salaries, stationery, &c.) ..	12	7 6
Capitation on account of free places ..	103	12 10	Advertising and printing ..	37	4 6
Furniture, fittings, and apparatus ..	26	11 0	Lighting and heating ..	54	8 9
Material ..	84	11 6	Insurance and repairs ..	26	0 4
Subsidies on voluntary contributions ..	198	2 6	Rates and taxes ..	8	0 0
Fees ..	221	4 9	Material for class use ..	250	6 2
Voluntary contributions ..	129	8 6	Prizes ..	5	10 5
From controlling authority on account of school classes ..	181	0 0	General ..	12	12 6
Sale of stationery, &c. ..	130	6 10	Contracts (new buildings, additions, &c.) ..	22	15 4
Interest (Savings-bank) ..	19	1 2	Furniture, fittings, and apparatus ..	152	14 5
			Balance at end of year ..	735	6 1
	<u>£2,932</u>	<u>11 0</u>		<u>£2,932</u>	<u>11 0</u>

C. H. EDWARDS, Chairman }
WALTER FOSSEY, Secretary } of Managers.