

the Board of Managers, for whom it is a pleasure to work. The officers of the Education Board and the Education Department, too, have at all times rendered me every assistance. The prospects of the school were never brighter than at the present time, and if the Managers continue to pursue their present policy of steady progress on sound lines the school will continue to progress and be a credit to the district. During the year I regret to say that we lost the services of the late Rev. A. Thomson, who was so closely connected with this school from its beginning.

J. H. LYNKEY, Director.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1914, in respect of Classes conducted by the Managers of the Petone Technical School at Petone and the Upper Hut.

Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Cr. balance at beginning of year ..	148	1 6	Salaries of instructors ..	704	13 4
Capitation on classes ..	334	19 4	Material ..	47	9 1
Capitation on account of free places ..	187	18 6	Cartaker ..	80	0 0
Buildings ..	466	4 10	Lighting, &c. ..	57	16 2
Furniture, fittings, apparatus ..	42	7 0	Insurance ..	3	11 6
Material ..	5	15 2	Office expenses ..	34	18 9
Subsidies on voluntary contributions ..	121	6 9	Advertising, &c. ..	16	18 9
Fees and other class payments ..	144	2 6	Cartage and labour ..	7	12 0
Sale of material ..	2	14 6	Refunds ..	2	0 0
Voluntary contributions ..	122	16 3	Bank charges, auditor, &c. ..	2	17 2
From Wellington Education Board on account of public school classes ..	39	13 4	Prizes ..	2	11 4
Miscellaneous ..	0	17 2	Buildings ..	464	4 10
			Furniture, fittings, and apparatus ..	127	0 5
			Cr. balance at end of year ..	65	3 2
	£1,616	17 0		£1,616	17 0

J. G. CASTLE, Chairman }
J. H. LYNKEY, Secretary } of Managers.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE MANAGERS OF THE MASTERTON TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

The eighteenth year's course of instruction was commenced on the 9th March, 1914, and was continued throughout three terms until the 10th December, 1914. Twenty-two classes were conducted, and instruction was given in the following subjects: Art, painting, freehand drawing, general drawing, model-drawing (light and shade), cookery, dressmaking, plumbing (theory and practical), woodworking, shorthand (Pitman's and Gregg's systems), and typewriting, book-keeping, Public Service subjects, English and arithmetic.

The total number of students in attendance during the year was 272—94 males and 178 females. Taken on the whole the regularity of attendance was very satisfactory, a percentage of 79·7 of the roll number having been secured for the whole of the year. In accordance with the Manual and Technical Regulations the classes were again thrown open to the admission, as free pupils, of holders of Standard VI proficiency certificates, and no fewer than fifty-one pupils availed themselves of this privilege. One senior free place student also attended. Forty-six of these succeeded in earning for the school the special capitation grant allowed by the Education Department in respect to free-place holders. The remaining six, owing to illness, removal from the district or other reasons, failed to make the necessary percentage of attendances.

In addition to the English and arithmetic and book-keeping classes, those that attracted the largest number of pupils were the dressmaking, art-needlework, woodwork, cookery, and shorthand and typewriting classes. The Managers very much regret that the art classes are not better attended. The art-room—the best room in the school—is well equipped, an instructor with high qualifications is available, and the fees are low. The Managers desire to make a strong appeal to parents and students for a large number of entries for the art classes this year. Arrangements were made for conducting classes in veterinary science, wool-classing, building and machinery construction (theory), and in wood-carving. A poor response was experienced, and the classes could not be established. It has been suggested that perhaps continuation classes for vocal music and for physical training and a technical class in chemistry might prove popular. In this connection the Managers desire to make it known that they are prepared, as far as accommodation and other circumstances will permit, to establish classes for any of the subjects named in the regulations for technical schools. It is the desire of the Managers that the best use should be made of the school and its equipment.

The receipts for the year amounted to £662 6s. 3d., of which £172 14s. 6d. was paid in fees by the pupils. Including a debit balance of £32 14s. 5d. carried forward from last year, the disbursements amounted to £893 3s., thus leaving a debit balance of £230 16s. 9d. at the end of the year. Against this must be calculated £219 4s. 3d. capitation and £33 6s. 8d. subsidy on voluntary contributions then due to the Department. The school will therefore really open its 1915 session with a small credit balance.

During the year the Board of Managers met on fourteen occasions. Mr. W. H. Jackson (chairman) attended ten meetings, Mr. J. M. Coradine twelve, Mr. C. E. Daniell nine, Mr. H. J. O'Leary eleven, Mr. J. W. Blackman thirteen.

Mr. Edwin Feist, who for very many years had taken an active interest in the working of the Masterton Technical School, retired from the Board of Managers at the last annual meeting. The following appreciative motion was passed: "That this meeting desires to have placed on record the high appreciation of the public for the services rendered to the Masterton Technical School by Mr. E. Feist, who now voluntarily retires from office. It desires also to thank him for his past services when chairman of the Board of Managers; and expresses the hope that he may long be spared to continue the interest he has always manifested in every movement having for its object the spread and maintenance of education."