

of the work done by the pupils it is worth mentioning that the boys, during the second week in December, put in concrete foundations for the machines in the workshop, material used being $2\frac{1}{4}$ tons cement, fifteen loads shingle and one load stone: the flooring was cut through and excavations were made to a depth of 30 in. by 3 ft. 6 in. wide. Work was commenced on Monday morning at 9 a.m. and finished Wednesday at 12 noon, and the job is a credit to the skill of both the instructor and the boys.

The usual sports and games have been carried on—i.e., swimming, cricket, football, tennis, hockey, and physical drill—the boys winning the Junior Football Cup with no losses, and one girl gaining Mr. C. H. Edwards's gold medal for life-saving. Nineteen boys and twelve girls gained swimming certificates for distances varying from 133 yards to one mile and a half; the two longest distances, one mile and a half and one mile and a quarter being covered by girls. It is a matter for congratulation that arrangements were made for the use of a plot of land just opposite the College for a playing-ground for the girls. Basket-ball posts have been erected there for their use.

A sum of about £60 has been raised by the pupils towards the erection of a room over the engineering shop, which could be used as a drawing office, social room, and gymnasium. Owing to the war, however, the scheme had to be temporarily abandoned, but it is hoped that arrangements will be made to carry out the work in 1915. The Hon. J. Allen visited the College in February, and Mr. E. C. Isaac, Inspector of Technical Schools, in August. Mr. J. B. Godson, art master, who commenced duties in January resigned in June in order to go to Australia, being succeeded by Mr. J. E. Richardson, of Hawera.

Evening Classes.—A very satisfactory year's work is, on the whole, to be recorded in connection with these classes. Thirty-two classes have been carried on, the subjects being combined into courses suitable for engineering, plumbing, building trade, electrical engineering, carpentry, commercial and domestic work, the carpentry course being the only failure. The other courses, particularly engineering and domestic courses were well attended and good work was done. The total number of individuals attending the classes was 273, of whom sixty-nine were pupils who had not passed Standard VI and were attending continuation classes. The highest weekly average attendance was 503 in April, and the lowest 374 in November, compared with 423 highest and 278 lowest in 1913. I regret that the attendance is still irregular in many instances, many pupils being absent one of two or three weekly lessons, particularly in the first year. The natural result is that interest in their work flags on account of being behind the other pupils through missing the lessons. With regard to the continuation classes carried on under the compulsory attendance regulations, an experiment was made in allowing the pupils to select their subjects so long as English and arithmetic were attempted. The results were very instructive indeed, inasmuch as those pupils who attempted such courses of work as engineering, cookery, dress-making, electricity, and generally any practical work, all did remarkably well and attended as regularly as possible, whilst those pupils who selected commercial work invariably failed to grasp the subjects at all, and did very poor work in consequence. This was due partly to the fact that they selected work which was quite unsuitable, and partly to the fact that their general education was not up to the required standard. This will be remedied as far as possible in the future.

A social evening was held for evening class pupils and proved to be a great success, about 170 pupils attending. Refreshments were prepared in the College by the girls of the day and evening classes, and games and concert items were contributed by the pupils. The drawback to this was lack of room, but when the new drawing-office and social room becomes an accomplished fact, these meetings will become a regular feature of the social life of the College. Until this happens the hindrances are rather too great.

On the whole, very good work has been done and great praise is due to the members of the staff for the manner in which they have carried out their duties at all times and very often under most trying conditions. I have the greatest pleasure in returning thanks to Mr. S. McLernon (the dux medal), Napier Chamber of Commerce (gold medal), and Mr. T. Couper, an old boy (a silver challenge cup), also to the Board for ready assistance and to the officers of the Education Department for valuable suggestions in carrying on the work.

W. FOSSEY, Director.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1914, in respect of Classes conducted at the Napier Technical College.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Cr. balance at beginning of year ..	778	0 4	Salaries of teaching staff ..	1,772	19 5
Capitation, day technical school ..	921	7 0	Material for class use ..	176	0 10
" other classes ..	308	7 8	Rent ..	3	15 0
" free places ..	126	9 3	Repairs ..	12	2 6
" compulsory pupils ..	52	4 6	Caretaker ..	75	10 0
Material ..	101	1 5	Lighting and heating ..	47	14 4
Subsidies on voluntary contributions ..	155	16 6	Insurance ..	19	19 10
Fees and other class payments ..	130	17 0	Office expense (including salaries, &c.) ..	23	6 1
Sales of material ..	127	17 4	Advertising and printing ..	40	7 9
Voluntary contributions ..	153	11 10	Water rates ..	5	5 0
From Hawke's Bay Education Board—			Prizes ..	11	6 0
Woodwork and cookery classes ..	237	0 0	Cartage and general ..	20	14 3
Teachers' classes ..	65	0 0	Buildings ..	76	0 0
Interest ..	17	15 2	Cr. balance at end of year ..	890	7 0
	<u>£3,175</u>	<u>8 0</u>		<u>£3,175</u>	<u>8 0</u>

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