

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT.

Taihape Technical School.—Classes in the following subjects were held during the year: Arithmetic, 19 pupils; English, 19; dressmaking, 16; woodwork, 8; shorthand and type-writing, 11. With the exception of the class in woodwork the attendance was far from satisfactory.

Marton Technical School.—On the whole 1915 was a fairly successful year. A few factors detracted somewhat from complete success, chief of which factors was the holding of the Patriotic Carnival. The series of concerts and other functions so reduced the attendance in some classes that these classes had to be discontinued. Classes as follows were held: Dressmaking, 11; motor engineering, 8; woodwork, 4; book-keeping, 19; shorthand, 24; typewriting, 24; English, 19; arithmetic, 19; Latin, 3; mathematics, 3; ambulance, 17; hygiene, 18: total, 169: total individual students, 81. The grounds are not in as satisfactory condition as is desired. The removal of the high school classes to the public school has rendered the attention to the grounds much more difficult. When the proposed alterations are complete the surroundings of the school should be a credit to the town. Thanks to generous donations from local bodies, the Rangitikei County Council and the Borough Council, and from Dr. Scott and others, the Committee have been enabled not only to pay off the debt on the school, but also to pay for the installation of the sewerage, to purchase four typewriters, to replace two old sewing-machines by new ones, and to carry out some minor improvements to the school. A small credit balance is still in hand. The Committee decided to admit pupils of the District High School free to the classes provided the Director could see his way to make the classes financial. This refers only to classes of the commercial course not taken, or only partially taken, at the District High School. From the point of view of the Technical School the removal of the district high school classes to the public school has made the management much more difficult, and this has somewhat detracted from the success of classes. The Committee desire to extend the classes to surrounding small centres, and to form farmers' classes. Marton is the most convenient centre on the whole line, and by making Marton a centre of the surrounding district in the matter of classes it is hoped to secure the permanent residence of a number of first-class instructors. Marton has suffered considerably in not having available first-class instructors in some of the subjects that could be taken.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF THE WANGANUI SUBURBAN DISTRICT.

Though the classes at Wanganui East have not been as large as in previous years the work has gone on quite satisfactorily. The conduct of the classes has much improved, and on no occasion has a complaint reached my ears. I paid two formal visits to the classes, and my own observations corroborate the remarks of the Director. With regard to the smaller attendance it may be remarked that the extension of the tramway system has enabled students to enter the Technical College classes, this also having some effect on the enrolments at the suburban class. The classes closed down on the 2nd December, having run for twelve weeks. The attendance was as follows: English and arithmetic, 14·3; book-keeping, 10·4; proficiency subjects, 7. The attendance at these classes is less than in previous years. This is explained partly by the fact that more than the usual number of students have left the district during the year, and partly by the fact that some undesirable pupils have been dropped. The classes have in previous years had to contend against a certain element of unruliness, and indisposition to conform to the rules necessary for their successful conduct. This year this element has been eliminated by removing certain students, whose attendances were neither conducive to profit to themselves nor of advantage to the classes. Close personal supervision has been exercised over the remainder, with the result that the classes have been orderly and attentive, and this means that the students have made satisfactory progress. It is hoped in future sessions to build up the numbers of the classes, and still maintain the satisfactory tone. The expenses of the classes have been kept down to a minimum, the instructors having been careful in the use of apparatus and equipment. The order and attention has been satisfactory.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The total enrolments for the district were 1,236, and the numbers of individual students 569. There were thirty-five senior and seventy-three junior free-place students on the rolls.

Feilding Technical School.—The following classes have been held during the year: English, arithmetic, shorthand, typing, elocution, book-keeping, commercial and industrial history, ladies' tailoring, motor engineering, electric wiring, agriculture, home nursing, dressmaking, cookery, art, art needlework, woodwork, wood-carving and metal-work, plumbing, Latin, millinery, vocal music, and classes for teachers in art, agriculture, singing, hygiene, and woodwork. The attendance has, on the whole, been very satisfactory, and good work has been done by both instructors and students. Commercial subjects and dressmaking account for a large proportion of the students. The day course is divided into (a) domestic, (b) commercial, (c) agricultural. Exceptionally good work has been done by the students taking these courses. In the agricultural course, apart from the principles of agriculture, the boys have all handled horses in the process of ploughing, harrowing, disking, and drilling, and have received instruction in farm carpentry and in reinforced-concrete work. Under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association a strong home-nursing division has been formed. During the year a course consisting of the six undermentioned lectures was run: "France and the French," by Mr. C. W. Wilson; "Luminiferous Ether," by Mr. J. W. Poynton; "How New Zealand History is Unearthed," by Hon. Dr. McNab; "Records in Prose and Rhyme of a Voyage round the World," by Rev. Gibson Smith; "How Man constructs his World," by Professor Hunter; and "The Real America," by Mr. C. H. Poole, M.P.