

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

The last year has been a very successful one in many respects, though the number of classes has not been quite so large as in previous years.

The wool-classing class, which is still under the able instruction of Mr. H. F. Harte, had twenty-two students and fifteen District High School pupils, making a total of thirty-seven. Mr. Harte still continues to put the same amount of enthusiasm and energy into his work as he did when he first started this subject, with the result that the pupils take the keenest interest in their work. Through the liberality of the farmers of the district we had seventy-two fleeces of wool donated to the class, which were of the greatest assistance to the class. Classes in dress-making were conducted by Miss Coe at Waimate (two classes), Morven, and Makikihi. The total number of pupils was fifty-nine, which must be considered most satisfactory at these times. The fact that the classes still continue to be well attended says much for Miss Coe's work. A class for painting under Mr. William Greene, of Timaru, was revived, and was attended by eight pupils. The class for shorthand was attended by sixteen students, and very satisfactory work was done. During the year we have had very necessary sanitary improvements carried out, to which the High School Board and the Managers contributed £20 each.

ERNEST HASSALL, Chairman.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE KAIAPOI TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

During the year classes for woodwork (18), dressmaking (28), and shorthand (15) have been held. The attendance has been satisfactory. In addition to the technical classes instruction in woodwork and cookery was provided for pupils from the Woodend, Clarkevale, Coutt's Island, and Otoka Public Schools. The contributing bodies have again kindly responded. A new science-room has been added to the Technical School for the use of secondary pupils of the District High School taking a rural course. The buildings and grounds are in good order.

THOS. DOUDS, Director.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE AKAROA TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

Attempts were made to hold evening classes in woodwork, cookery, and dressmaking, but owing to the exigencies of the war the last was the only one sufficiently well attended to warrant its being held. During the year successful classes were held in woodwork and in cookery for public-school pupils. The classes were well filled, so many pupils enrolling for the former subject that it was necessary to arrange for two classes to be held.

W. W. GARTON, Director.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE PLEASANT POINT TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

During the year three dressmaking classes have been conducted with gratifying success, one at Pleasant Point and two at Cave. The attendance in most cases was highly satisfactory. Attempts to establish other classes were not successful, Red Cross work taking up the whole of the leisure time of those who might be expected to devote time to technical work. Application has been made for two new ranges for the Technical School, but although some months have passed no reply has yet been received. The Managers continue to take a keen interest in technical work, and the finances are in a very satisfactory condition. During the year the science-room was fitted with new benches and water-supply, and the improved conditions are much appreciated.

R. B. CLARKE, Director.

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

The new Director, Mr. F. Piper, quickly obtained a grasp of his duties, and has been most assiduous in assisting the Managers in their endeavour to obtain pupils for the usual classes. Unfortunately, owing to the war and the urgency of Red Cross and other patriotic work, a sufficient number of pupils was not forthcoming to justify opening the adult classes. The public-school classes in woodwork and cookery were, however, most successful, and are now being taken by senior pupils attending the smaller public schools in the vicinity of Fairlie. The buildings are well looked after, and are in a first-class state of repair. The addition to the cookery-room, making the kitchen airy and commodious, is much appreciated. Regular meetings of the Managers have been held, and a keen desire has been evinced to further technical education in the district. The finances are in a sound condition owing to the exercise of strict economy. A further attempt will be made to commence adult classes in cookery, dressmaking, first aid, and wool-classing, but it is not expected that much can be done in that direction until after the war. The thanks of the Managers are due to subscribers to the funds, especially the Mackenzie County Council and the Mackenzie Agricultural and Pastoral Association; to the Director for his interest in the work and the painstaking manner in which the books and records are kept; to Mr. Ritchings Grant, the Director of Technical Instruction under the late South Canterbury Board, and to the Department for the prompt way in which it has attended to the various requirements of the Managers.

CHAS. J. TALBOT, Chairman.