

examinations with credit. Two others passed in the final practical examination for registration, and a fourth passed in both the theoretical and the practical final tests. A junior student entered for the City and Guilds theory examination for plumbers, and passed in the first grade. The students of the wool-sorting and wool-classing division, although few in number, were enthusiastic in their work. Three sat, with success, for the theory and practical tests for the first year, and one for the second year's tests. Certificates were awarded to them by the Board of Managers.

By effluxion of time the junior free places of twenty-seven pupils lapsed on 31st December; the Department granted twenty of these pupils senior free places, entitling them to three years' additional free tuition.

The statement of receipts and expenditure shows the receipts from all sources to have been £1,863 0s. 10d., of which the sum of £186 18s. was paid in class fees, £528 3s. in voluntary contributions, and £508 16s. 4d. in capitation grants from the Government. Including a debit balance of £66 11s. 10d. brought forward from 1915, the disbursements amounted to £1,787 9s. 9d. The principal items of expenditure were: Salaries, £736 18s. 9d.; part payment new cookery-room, £517 3s. 3d.; furniture, fittings, apparatus, £144 7s. 6d.; material for class use, £102 10s. At the end of the year the balance to credit was £75 11s. 1d.

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EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF MANUAL AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

Evening technical classes were conducted in Woodville and Gisborne. At Woodville only continuation work was attempted, and classes were held in book-keeping, shorthand and type-writing. The roll number was fifty-five, and the average attendance forty-one. At Gisborne centre classes were established on a more ambitious scale, and the local director by his enthusiasm and earnestness succeeded in doing some very satisfactory work. It was found, however, that after the first term was concluded the attendance dropped to 45 per cent. of the total roll numbers. The classes established, with roll numbers, were as follows: Cookery (invalid, two classes), 19; telegraphy (two classes), 44; book-keeping, 20; shorthand, 17; typewriting, 11; English (two classes), 40; arithmetic (two classes), 40; mathematics, 9; Latin, 6; French, 10; Maori, 14; heat engines, 6; machine drawing, 8. Owing to the departmental request to economize where possible the Education Board did not carry out its proposals in the matter of teachers' classes. The following classes for which arrangements had been made were not held: Drawing classes (two), dairy science (one), elementary agriculture, and domestic science (two). Saturday training classes were held at Gisborne, Napier, and Dannevirke. The attendance was as under: Art—Gisborne, 17 and 12; Napier, 42 and 30; Dannevirke, 11 and 9. Elementary hygiene—Gisborne, 17 and 13; Napier, 41 and 28; Dannevirke, 9 and 8. Satisfactory work was done at all centres.

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Director of Manual and Technical Instruction.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE NAPIER TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

The usefulness of the Technical High School is still on the increase, and it is becoming of greater value to the community. The courses of study were arranged as in 1915—viz.: (a) A commercial course for boys to fit them for office life, and a combined domestic-science and commercial course for girls, in which half the school-time is arranged for office-work and half for domestic subjects, so that they may have the choice of (1) entering an office, (2) being trained for the work-room in dressmaking, millinery, &c., or (3) having a good training in all domestic arts, including the care and feeding of the sick; (b) a mechanical course for boys who intend to enter skilled trades or ultimately take up farming.

The enrolment for the year was 111, made up as follows: First-year pupils, 64; second-year pupils, 40; third-year pupils, 5; fourth-year pupils, 2; left during the year, 16: roll at end of year, 95. The number of pupils who withdrew before the end of the year is very much less this year than in previous years, and in every case except one a good and sufficient reason for doing so existed. This is very much more satisfactory and tends to increase the value of the work in every way. Attendance has been remarkably good, and home-work, except in two cases, has been well attended to.

At the annual examination eighty-eight pupils were examined in all the subjects on the syllabus, and the results were as follows: First-year pupils, thirty-eight first class, sixteen second class; second-year pupils, fourteen first class, thirteen second class; third-year pupils, two first class, one second class; fourth-year pupils, one second class. It is a matter for congratulation that every qualified pupil obtained a good appointment by the end of the year, and I receive nothing but good reports from employers. I am pleased to report that the official recognition of the work done in the engineering department is at last an accomplished fact, although more yet remains to be accomplished. The Marine Department, on the