

careful handling of the funds. Fees showed a slight increase, and a few private subscribers came forward very willingly to assist the school.

After buying a new visible typewriter for £21 we are still able to declare a credit balance of £42 16s. 11d., which is £24 less than last year—about equal to the loss of the Hobson Trust donation.

The Board desires to thank the local bodies and private individuals for their kindly interest in and continued support of the local Technical School.

GEO. B. CARTWRIGHT, Chairman.
J. T. SMART, Secretary.

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

During the year dressmaking classes were conducted at Pleasant Point and Cave. The total number of pupils was thirty, of whom sixteen were members of the class at Pleasant Point. The classes were very successful financially and educationally. On account of so many young men being absent at the front no men's classes were held, but it is confidently expected that a class in motor engineering will be held during 1918.

J. MAZE, Chairman.
R. B. CLARKE, Director.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE WAIMATE TECHNICAL SCHOOL BOARD.

The year has been a most satisfactory one, no less than 158 students having attended classes during the year.

The wool-classing class has again been a great success. Forty-one students attended, including one lady student and seventeen district-high-school pupils. The thanks of the Managers are due to the farmers of the district for donations of wool which not only greatly assisted the class, but also the finances of the school. A most instructive and interesting class for motor engineering was conducted. Fifty students, including six ladies, attended, one of the latter gaining first prize at an examination held at the end of the term. Two classes for dressmaking were held at Waimate and one at Morven, with a total of forty-three students. A class for instruction in painting, including occasional outdoor work in painting from nature, was attended by six students. Fourteen students, of whom several were hospital nurses, attended a class for cookery. The attendances at the class for shorthand were most disappointing, and it is doubtful whether we can carry on the class for another year.

The finances of the school are in a very satisfactory condition.

ERNEST HASSALL, Chairman.
W. H. BECKETT, Secretary.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE FAIRLIE TECHNICAL SCHOOL BOARD.

The school experienced the same difficulties as in the previous year, and, as was anticipated at that time, there was the utmost difficulty in establishing classes owing to the exigencies of the war and the necessity for continued Red Cross and other patriotic work. The Director, Mr. F. Piper, after considerable effort, was able to enrol thirteen pupils for an adult dressmaking class, which proved most successful in every way. An attempt was made to establish a wool-sorting class, but only six students were forthcoming, and these only towards the end of the season. The instructor was therefore loath to undertake the tuition work and the hiring of the necessary wool for so small a class. It is hoped that as soon as the young men of the district return from the war this class will be re-established, and conducted with its former success and usefulness. The school has justified its existence during the year in the exceptionally good work that has been done by the school classes in woodwork and cookery. Senior public-school pupils from the surrounding districts have attended excellently, and the classes maintained a maximum roll number throughout the season. The Director and the Managers will use their utmost endeavours to form adult classes during 1918 in such subjects as dressmaking, cookery, first aid, and wool-classing, though it is not expected that much in this direction can be done till the war is over. The buildings are in first-class repair, and the finances of the school are in a sound condition, strict economy having been practised. The thanks of the Managers are due to the Mackenzie County Council, the Fairlie Tennis Club, and other subscribers for contributions towards the funds of the school.

CHAS. J. TALBOT, Chairman.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE CONTROLLING AUTHORITY OF THE RANGIORA TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

Classes have been conducted with satisfactory results during the year. The attendance at the manual-training classes has been good, and full advantage of the instruction provided has been taken by schools within the district. The technical classes for dress-cutting have been well attended, and have attracted many pupils from a considerable distance. The buildings and apparatus have been kept in good order, and some improvements have been made to facilitate the work of the classes.

ROBT. BALL, Chairman.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF CANTERBURY COLLEGE.

School of Engineering.—This year again, as might be supposed, the war has drawn practically all students who were eligible by reason of their age to enlist for active service, and though this in one way has lessened the number of enrolled students, yet, owing to those pupils who were