

			<i>June.</i>		
			Papers taken	Passed.	Failed.
Blackboard	...	...	51	26	25
Freehand	...	...	75	45	30
Model	...	...	76	9	67
Totals			202	80	122

Number of individual candidates, 130; passed, 64.

			<i>December.</i>		
			Papers taken.	Passed.	Failed.
Blackboard	...	...	53	32	21
Freehand	...	...	59	31	28
Model	...	...	94	46	48
Geometrical	...	...	50	26	24
Perspective	...	...	37	23	14
Totals			293	158	135

Number of individual candidates, 169; passes, 110. Total number of papers examined in primary drawing for the year, 1,754. Number of individual candidates examined, 1,293. Number of individual candidates passed, 680.

6. SYLLABUS OF PRIMARY SCHOOL WORK.—The new drawing syllabus will be issued shortly, giving fuller instructions to the teachers as to the nature of class instruction.

7. STUDENTS ON THE ROLLS.—The number of students now on the rolls is 146, as follows: Eighty-nine in the Central School, thirty-one at Newtown, and twenty-six in the Wairarapa. Including teachers and students in the Board's service, the total number of students receiving instruction is 297.

8. WORKING.—The working of the School of Design has been difficult during the past year, owing to the changing of the various instructors. This has considerably hampered the success of the year's work. The mechanical and architectural classes have suffered the most, through the loss of Messrs. Herzog, Clarke, and Charlesworth, the two latter gentlemen having left the colony. Mr. W. L. Morrison also resigned during the latter part of the year. An attempt was made to establish a plumbing class, but it was found impossible to work it successfully. Many unlooked-for difficulties have occurred during the year, but in all cases they have been surmounted, and, I am glad to say, the school is now, owing to the support forthcoming, in a better position than it has been since its commencement, and I look forward to a good year's work.

9. AFFILIATION TO THE SCIENCE AND ART DEPARTMENT.—The school has during the year been affiliated to the Science and Art Department of Great Britain, and has already received distinction at the hands of their examiners. The works of the students were forwarded for examination in March last, with the following results: Two bronze medals for painting, one national book prize for painting, one third-grade prize for modelling, seven passes excellent, five passes ordinary, and five works accepted for the art class teachers' certificate. Two students obtained the maximum number of marks, and six obtained half or more.

10. BRANCH CLASSES.—Branch classes are in operation at Newtown under Mr. Francis Bennett, instructor; and at Masterton and Featherston under Miss Holmes, instructress. Examinations were also held by the Board at Bulls, at the request of Mr. J. G. Wilson, M.H.R. The Masterton School is, after considerable difficulty, a promising institution, good work having been done during the past year. This school is controlled by a local Committee approved by the Board. The average number of students at Newtown has been twenty-seven throughout the year. The students' works show painstaking and careful instruction. A branch class was established at Greytown, but, owing to lack of support, was discontinued.

11. APPARATUS.—New models, text books, plates, &c., to the value of about £140 have been added during the year, and were much needed. The whole of the apparatus is insured.

12. FUNDS.—I have endeavoured to raise additional and necessary funds by subscriptions and entertainments, but the sum realised is very small in comparison with the requirements of the school, and there is still considerable deficiency. I feel that my time is badly spent in getting up entertainments, although I am compelled to raise the necessary funds.

13. SCHOOL OF DESIGN BILL.—This Bill was introduced in the latter part of last session, but, owing to serious opposition, was lost. It is necessary that some provision be made during the present year for proper class accommodation. The present arrangements are such that it is impossible for the classes to have their legitimate time for study.

14. CONCLUSION.—In conclusion, I beg to thank the Chairman and members of the School of Design Committee for the full manner in which they have met my suggestions, and trust the school will now have a little smoother life, and a chance be given to prove its value from an industrial point of view.

I have, &c.,

ARTHUR D. RILEY, Director for Art.

HAWKE'S BAY.

SIR,—

Education Office, Napier, 31st January, 1889.

The Board of this Education District has the honour to present the following report of its proceedings, and of the progress of education for the year ending the 31st December, 1888.

MEMBERS.—At the commencement of the year the members forming the Board were Mr. J. D. Ormond, M.H.R. (Chairman), Captain Russell, M.H.R., Mr. Horace Baker, Mr. J. W. Carlile, Mr. Rechab Harding, Dr. W. Isaac Spencer, Rev. David Sidey, Mr. Fred Sutton, and Mr.