

making, mechanical engineering, road-carriage building, rail-carriage building, typography, lithography, raising and preparation of ores, mine-surveying, milling (flour manufacture), carpentry and joinery, ship's carpentry, ship's joinery, brickwork and masonry, plasterers' work, dressmaking, woodwork (for teachers of elementary schools), cotton-weaving.

I hope that advantage may be taken of these examinations by the various trades, and especially by the apprentices.

The control of examinations in connection with the City and Guilds Institute has now been handed over to the Department of Education. This school has been the means of inaugurating this, as well as the South Kensington system, in the colony but it was deemed advisable to hand over the control, in order that every similar institution in the colony might have the same advantages.

Scholarships.

The four scholarships available for two years offered by the Board in connection with the classes have again been competed for. During the past year three of the scholarships became vacant—the mechanical, on account of the departure of Albert Brown for the Central College of the City and Guilds of London to continue his studies as an electrical engineer, the day class, owing to Miss Jollie's resignation; and the building construction, owing to the unfortunate death of William Strange-Mure.

Library

The library now consists of 344 volumes upon technical, science, and art subjects. Over 200 volumes have been circulated amongst the students in connection with their special requirements and trades. Mr Rowe, the chief librarian of the Public Library, has very kindly furnished the school with a list of technical works suitable for students. The additions to the library during the year have been as follows: Mechanical section—The Mechanical World Pocket Diary, *Engineering* (2 vols., 1883), *The Engineer* (2 vols., 1893), *The Electrician*. Architectural section—Elementary Building Construction (Burrell), Building Construction Materials, *The Builder* (2 vols.), forty plates on building construction, *The Architect*, Building Construction (Part II.), Handrailing. General and art section—Decorative Art (1893), *Work* (1893), Catalogue of the Free Public Library, *Review of Reviews* (2 vols.) *Art Journal* (1893), Manual Instruction.

The following contributions have been received: By Mr Evans—Working Drawings for Carriage-building, by Mr Clere—Anatomy for Artists, with plates. Objects of art and science apparatus have been kindly lent by the Colonial Museum and Mr David Anderson.

PERIODICALS.—The following contributions have been received: *The Engineer* from the publishers; *Work*, from Messrs. Cassell and Company, *The Decorator* from Messrs. Baillie Brothers, *The Electrician*, from Lady Glasgow *Engineering*, from the Education Board, *The Art Journal*, from Mr Stephens, *The Building News*, from the Sawmillers' Association, *The Review of Reviews*, from Mr J. A. Tripe, *The Art Journal*, from Mr. Pearson. The above are placed for the use of the students, and at the end of the year are bound and added to the library.

General Remarks

LECTURES.—In the early part of the year I arranged a course of four lectures on behalf of the students and their friends, with a view to combining pleasure and instruction. Two only however, were given, one by myself upon the South Kensington Museum, the second by Mr Nairn upon landscape and caricature. The lectures were not appreciated by those for whom they were intended, and, as a small loss was entailed, I discontinued them.

VISITS OF COMMITTEES FROM OTHER CENTRES.—During the year the school has been visited by a committee of the Dunedin Education Board, Sir Maurice O'Rorke, and the late Captain Hearn, on behalf of Auckland, and information has been supplied to various centres, including Western Australia, with regard to the system adopted by this Board.

There can be no doubt that the success of the work is mainly owing to the thorough grounding given in the primary and elementary work, the value of which is now being felt throughout the entire district. The whole work, from primary to secondary and thence to the higher and individual trade branches, being controlled by one centre, gives undoubted advantages which other centres lack.

EXPENDITURE.—The total expenditure on account of the Technical School is £1,615 12s. 7d. The receipts amount to £736 17s. 6d., being £636 17s. 6d. fees from students and £100 Government grant. The cost of the work in connection with primary education, which includes instruction to teachers and pupil-teachers, primary-scholarship holders, inspection of drawing in schools, examination of schools and examination of teachers in drawing, is therefore £878 15s. 1d., which will be further reduced by the sum of £27 11s. 5d., being fees and the sale of old lead from the plumbing classes.

THANKS.—My thanks are due to all those I have named, and who have so generously contributed to the successful year's working, either by loans or contributions of prizes, books, periodicals, or appliances, to Messrs. J. Anderson, F. de J. Clere, H. Madden, T. Scott, and T. Ballinger, who acted as honorary examiners, to the supervisors, and to my staff, of whom, for their energy and very sincere interest in the welfare of the school, I cannot speak too highly, and to the Board's committee for the careful consideration given to matters affecting the school's welfare.

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The Chairman, Wellington Education Board.

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