

Two drawing classes have been held on Saturdays at the Wellesley Street School, one in the morning, another in the afternoon. These classes were laid out specially for teachers and pupil-teachers. The branches of instruction were—model drawing, plane and solid geometry, and perspective drawing, as required for the schools, the pupil-teachers, and the D and E examinations. The number attending, however, was small, so the class was thrown open to any pupils of the other classes who were preparing for examinations and were glad to make use of the opportunity. The number of pupils attending the four terms of the Saturday class was as follows: Morning, eight, twelve, six, none; afternoon, seventeen, sixteen, fifteen, sixteen.

The annual exhibition of technical drawings was held last April in the large room of the Wellesley Street School. It consisted of 120 sheets of finished drawings done in the ordinary course of class instruction at the Wellesley Street technical class and the branch classes. The drawings exhibited covered most branches of mechanical construction, and included marine engines and boilers, roof-work and building construction, hydraulic plant, and a large collection of modern machine-tools and shop appliances.

The work of the year, as a whole, compares very favourably with the work of previous sessions. It is now more generally recognised that while an apprentice is in the shop during the day studies bearing on his occupation should receive his attention during some evenings of the week, and this has led to a greater interest in applied mechanics and drawing of various kinds.

By the provisions of the Shipping and Seamen's Act Amendment Act of 1896 every engineering apprentice is eligible for a certificate of proficiency as a third-class marine engineer. It is to qualify for this and other examinations of a similar kind that the subject, "Steam and the Steam-engine" is now so much taken up. A number of the more advanced pupils are taking up mechanical engineering on the lines laid down by the City and Guilds of London Institute, with a view to sit at the next examination.

I have, &c.,

WALTER I. ROBINSON,
Technical Instructor.

The Hon. the Minister of Education.

CARPENTRY CLASS, REMUERA PUBLIC SCHOOL.

INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT.

THE boys attending the carpentry class at the Remuera School have worked with fair diligence. They have been taught to handle tools, making their own benches and saw-stools. Then they have worked at mortising, framing, scarfing, and dovetailing. One produced a very creditable chest of drawers, and others have turned out different kinds of boxes.

GEORGE HERON.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1897.

<i>Receipts.</i>			£ s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£ s. d.
To Fees .. ..	..	..	2 2 0	By Timber.. ..	..	..	2 6 9
Capitation grants .. ..	..	..	5 5 0	Instructor .. ..	..	..	6 0 0
School Committee .. ..	..	..	0 19 9				
			<u>£8 6 9</u>				<u>£8 6 9</u>

CARPENTRY CLASS AT DEVONPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL.

List of Articles made.—Five medicine-chests, eight newspaper-pockets, four coal-scuttles, ten knife-trays, ten bookshelves (assorted), three salt-boxes, seven footstools, seven fan-brackets, two corner brackets, ten wall-brackets (assorted), four three-tier brackets, six soap-boxes, three brush-boxes, two forms, six pairs steps, three easels, six Oxford frames.

RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for Year 1897.

<i>Receipts.</i>			£ s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>			£ s. d.
To Fees .. ..	..	..	5 17 0	By Timber, nails, &c. .. ..	..	..	3 15 11
Donation .. ..	..	..	0 10 0	Tools .. ..	..	..	0 12 3
Government subsidy .. ..	..	..	8 10 4	Instructor .. ..	..	..	9 0 0
				Balance .. ..	..	..	1 9 2
			<u>£14 17 4</u>				<u>£14 17 4</u>

WANGANUI TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

SIR,—

Technical School, 31st March, 1898.

I have the honour to submit the following report of the work at this school, and at the branch Saturday classes for teachers at Palmerston North, for 1897:—