

I can only express a hope that other industries will follow suit. The City Council has contributed the usual sum of £60 towards this particular class.

*Mathematics.*—The number of students continues as good as in former years.

*Wood-carving.*—This class has for years suffered from the want of accommodation, and was consequently reduced in number owing to the shed in which it was held being utterly unsuited to the work. A room has been set apart in the new wing, and the class has once more fully justified its existence. Both day and evening classes have been well attended, and some very excellent specimens of work produced. Several students have so far succeeded as to be able to use their knowledge profitably in their daily occupations.

*Shorthand.*—Good work has also been done in this class, the attendance having been exceptionally good. Many of the students are making practical use of their knowledge in connection with their daily occupations. Several students were successful in the speed-examinations recently held by the Wellington Shorthand-writers' Association.

*Iron- and Brass-moulding.*—At the request of the workmen in this branch of industry, a class was formed, the deputation guaranteeing the necessary twelve students. This number was not by any means kept up, and, although provision was made for the theory as well as practice, the interest gradually flagged, and at the end of the second quarter the class was closed.

*Cookery, Demonstration and Practice.*—Classes in this subject were formed during the two midwinter quarters, and were eminently successful, the limit in point of numbers being quickly reached. A number of girls were admitted to the day classes, where vacancies occurred, at a small fee. Application was made in the fourth quarter for a high-class course of demonstration, but as the fee charged (£2) was considered excessive the class fell through. As the fees of these classes must cover all cost to the Board, and as the number of students is limited, no reduction could possibly be made in the fee charged. The teachers' class was discontinued in the fourth term, the Board deciding that individual teachers should be received and trained to give instruction to the children for a period of not less than six months, and then return to their schools with qualifications sufficient to enable them to give the children the necessary instruction.

*Wellington College Classes.*—Drawing has been continued as formerly by an instructor of the Central Technical School to a class of twenty-six boys. It is unfortunate that fees are required for this subject in any secondary school. The best use has been made of such time as is placed at our disposal. Mr. Firth, the Principal of the College, informs me that an effort is now to be made to give instruction in drawing throughout the school, thus enabling an intermediate course between the primary and Technical School to be effectively dealt with. About one hundred boys are now instructed by the college staff, in addition to those instructed by the Technical School. Manual instruction has also been continued throughout the year with generally satisfactory results.

*Examinations.*—The usual examinations have been held during the year. In the higher-grade work there has been a considerable diminution of candidates, practically only those who found it necessary to present themselves for teaching or trade certificates coming forward. Wherever possible students have been dissuaded from taking these examinations unless certificates are especially required. The number of papers examined during the year was 7,437. The number of certificates issued in all grades since the school was established in 1886 is 44,941, subdivided as follows: Primary or first grade, 37,299; intermediate or second grade, 4,006; higher or third grade, 1,375; South Kensington, 2,143; and the City and Guilds of London, 118. Second grade (local): Total number of papers taken, 585; 336 passed; 249 failed; 13 excellent; 29 good. Number of individual candidates examined, 365; passed, 236. Third Grade (local): Number of papers worked, 101; number of passes, 55; failures, 46; number of individual candidates, 65; passes, 44. Papers excellent, 2; good, 10.

#### *Science and Art Department, South Kensington.*

*Second-grade Art.*—Number of papers taken, 176; passed, 146; failed, 30. Freehand—76 candidates, 23 first class, 42 second class; failed, 11. Model—70 candidates, 18 first class, 36 second class; failed, 16. Perspective—8 candidates, 6 first class, 1 second class; failed, 1. Light and shade—22 candidates, 7 first class, 13 second class; failed, 2. Of the above number, eleven papers were taken by external candidates; five obtained first class, two obtained second class, and four failed.

*Third-grade Art.*—Number of papers submitted, 50; passed, 33; failed, 17. Outline from cast—12 candidates, 9 first class, 2 second class; 1 failed. Light and shade from the cast—12 candidates, 1 first class, 8 second class; 3 failed. Drawing from models—7 candidates, 5 first class, 2 second class; 0 failed. Design—8 candidates, 3 second class; 5 failed. Still life—6 candidates, 3 second class; 3 failed. Antique—2 candidates; 2 failed. Drawing from life—3 candidates; 3 failed.

*Science.*—Number of papers submitted, 57; passed, 41; failed, 16. Plane and solid geometry—7 candidates; 5 passed, 2 failed. Machine construction—23 candidates; 14 passed, 9 failed. Building construction—16 candidates; 12 passed, 4 failed. Steam—7 candidates; 6 passed, 1 failed. Applied mechanics—1 candidate; 1 passed. Botany—1 candidate; 1 passed. Mathematics—2 candidates; 2 passed.

The number of works accepted towards the art class and art masters' certificates was seven.

The following students have completed their full certificates in compliance with the regulations of the Science and Art Department: Art-class teacher's certificate, Maud Kimbell; elementary drawing certificate, first class, Rhoda Meek, Daisy Carter, Mary Thompson; elementary drawing certificate, second class, Elizabeth Innes and Daisy Tonks.

#### *City and Guilds of London Institute for the Advancement of Technical Education.*

The examinations under this department have been conducted as usual. The number of papers examined was 33; passed 16, failed, 17. Plumbing, theory—11 candidates; 4 passed,