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"The investigation has shown that that vocation in which all other vocations have their root -namely, the care of the home—has been overlooked in the modern system of education. In order that the industrial life of the community may be vigorous and progressive, the housekeepers need to be instructed in the laws of sanitation, in the purchase, preparation, and care of food, and in

the care of children, that the home may be home, and not merely a house."

The day-school, which might be termed a "preparatory trade school," commenced with 83 pupils, of which 38 took up the science and technological course, and 45 the commercial. The former course was designed to provide a sound practical education for boys, which at the end of two years should fit them either (a) to enter practical life as apprentices in engineering, carpentry and joinery, cabinetmaking, &c., and to continue their studies at the evening classes of the Technical College, or (b) to take up a specialised technical course in the College Senior Day Classes.

The commercial course, which was attended by 13 boys and 32 girls, was intended to provide a preliminary commercial training for boys and girls who had just completed their primary-school education, such as would fit them at the end of two years to either (a) enter business, or (b) to take

up an advanced commercial course at the College.

During the year the majority of the pupils made good progress, and it is very gratifying to be able to record the fact that a large percentage of the parents, either by letter or personally, expressed

their appreciation of the progress which their children had made during the year.

Evening Classes.—As in previous years, a number of our students sat for the examinations of the London Board of Education and of the City and Guilds of London Institute. In spite of the In spite of the fact that these examinations were held at a most inconvenient time (in the middle of the session), very satisfactory results were obtained. The success of the plumbing students was again conspicuous, four successes in honours being recorded. In the Carpentry and Joinery Examination a First-class Honours Certificate was obtained for the first time by an Auckland student. This is very gratifying in view of the fact that the scope of the examination is a very wide one, and embraces a knowledge of the timbers of the world.

The continuation classes, which were held to enable students who had not previously obtained a Standard VI certificate of proficiency in a public school to improve their education and thus obtain this qualification, were attended by 70 pupils. of proficiency and 3 certificates of competency. At the end of the year 6 were awarded certificates

As a whole, the work done in the evening classes was superior to that of any previous year. The attendance was more regular, the earnestness of the students greater, and the majority of those who entered the classes for the first time were better prepared to profit by the instruction given.

As in previous years, the commercial classes were the most largely attended. This can readily be understood when the fact is taken into consideration that Auckland is a distributing centre for a quarter of a million of people. This must of necessity mean the employment of a large number

It is disappointing to find that comparatively few ladies take up cookery, seeing the importance of this subject to the community, and the difficulty that is experienced in obtaining domestic help

The number of individual students enrolled last year was 911, as compared with 791 in the

previous year.

There is at last a fair prospect of an up-to-date College being shortly erected in Auckland. With the donations from the Auckland Savings-bank, the citizens, and the students, the Government subsidy thereon, and the Government grant of £4,000, a sum of practically £30,000 is now available. The plans have been approved by the Department, and before many months the erection of the building should be well begun.

For the past four sessions technical classes have been carried on in Auckland in sheds and other temporary buildings quite unfitted for the purpose. These buildings have been scattered over different parts of the town, and the work of organization in connection with the large number of students (nearly a thousand) has been rendered much more difficult. With the completion of the new Technical College the quality of the work will, I am sure, still further improve, and the benefits which will accrue to the community will in consequence be greater.

I trust, too, that the time is not far distant when technical schools and colleges in New Zealand will receive from the Arbitration Court the measure of recognition which is due to them, and that apprentices will be allowed by their employers to attend day technical classes.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Board and my colleagues for the help which has at all times been so generously accorded me.

GEORGE GEORGE, F.I.C., F.C.S., Director.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1906, in respect of Special Classes conducted at the Auckland Technical College.

	Receipts	·.		£	s.	d.	Expenditure.	£	s.	đ.
Capitation on special cla			٠	1,501	9	11	Dr. balance at beginning of year	1,498	_	0
				104	0	0	Salaries of instructors	1,848	9	2
Furniture, fittings, appa	ratus			6	15	6	Office expenses (including salaries, sta-	-		
Subsidies on voluntary c	ontribut	ions		83	9	0	tionery, &c.)	329	11	5
Material				88		0	Advertising and printing	111	13	4
Fees				565	17	9	Lighting and heating	84	8	8
Voluntary contributions	١			6	12	0	Insurance and repairs	3	2	9
Sales of apparatus	• •			20	0	0	Rent :	111	7	3
Rent of school-site				16	10	0	Material for class use	478	14	10
Donations towards new	Technic	al Colleg	e	10,472	0	0	Survey of site for college and legal expenses	11	10	0
Sales of material				84	13	0	Incidental expenses	84	10	10
Entrance fees, students,	&c.	• •		7	18	0	Furniture, fittings, apparatus	387	10	7
							Balance at end of year	8,008	4	4
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