

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE "ELAM" SCHOOL OF ART.

During 1906 the whole of the classes have been well attended, the day classes having had a larger proportion of the total attendance than usual. The usual classes in the departments of freehand and model drawing, geometry, perspective, light and shade, monochrome painting, design, modelling, still-life painting, drawing and painting from the antique and from life, have been held throughout the year, and the progress made has been generally quite satisfactory. Classes in modelling and wood-carving were recommenced at the beginning of the year, and have been continued most successfully throughout. A large amount of excellent work has been done, and there are now six classes each week in these subjects, and each class is attended by as many students as can be accommodated in the two rooms taken by the managers for this purpose. There is a continuous inquiry for work of this and similar classes, and I hope to be able to add to these successful classes during the coming year. I am also glad to find at last some interest taken in design for arts and crafts work, and hope to be able to give those interested every encouragement by practical classes next year.

There were about 405 students on the roll of the school during the last term, but of these a number are only able to come for short hours, or even for short periods. It is gratifying to see the interest taken by country students in their work. Many students come into town from long distances to attend our classes, some daily, others coming once a week and staying a night or two in town, while a few come over a hundred miles at intervals and spend a few weeks in town in order to get all the time they can at their work. It is a pity that the free railway passes should not be obtainable by all genuine students attending such classes without restriction as to age, &c., considering that it would not cost the Government anything, and would aid very materially in furthering education in the arts and technical subjects.

The total attendance registered for the year has been 36,325, which will be easily increased when the additional rooms kindly promised by the City Council are available.

E. W. PAYTON, Director.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1906, in respect of Associated Classes conducted at the "Elam" School of Art.

Receipts.			£	s.	d.	Expenditure.			£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year .. ..	..	..	170	13	4	Salaries of instructors .. ..	..	..	789	6	8
Capitation on associated classes .. ..	..	..	444	16	6	Office expenses (including salaries, stationery, &c.) .. ..	..	..	55	2	10
Furniture, fittings, apparatus .. ..	..	..	17	18	0	Advertising and printing .. ..	..	..	33	4	0
Subsidies on voluntary contributions .. ..	..	..	150	0	0	Lighting and heating .. ..	..	..	21	15	6
Fees .. ..	..	..	25	14	0	Insurance and repairs .. ..	..	..	2	16	2
From the trustees for the "Elam" School of Art .. ..	..	..	249	8	7	Material for class use .. ..	..	..	24	13	5
						Models .. ..	..	..	9	7	0
						Various .. ..	..	..	18	2	4
						Furniture, fittings, apparatus .. ..	..	..	35	16	0
						Balance at end of year	68	1	6
			<u>£1,058</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>				<u>£1,058</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

SAM. JACKSON, Chairman } of Managers.
E. W. PAYTON, Secretary }

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EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE EDUCATION BOARD.

Elementary handwork was taken at 39 schools, and sewing, under the regulations for manual and technical instruction, in 13. In addition to the above, classes for manual instruction as defined by clauses 22-27 of the regulations were recognised in 37 cases, the subjects embracing woodwork, botany, dairying, advanced needlework, elementary agriculture, swimming and life-saving, elementary physical measurements, chemistry, and elementary physiology. Considerable progress has been made in technical education, especially in elementary agriculture. Owing to numerous applications for a cookery class at Stratford, it was found necessary to make an application to the Department for an additional room in the Technical School, and the Department promptly responded. Tenders are now being called for the work.

The New Plymouth Technical School is nearing completion, and will fill a great want in the district.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

During the year technical and continuation classes were conducted at New Plymouth, Stratford, and Opunake. The subjects in which instruction was given included plumbing, dressmaking, agriculture, electricity, botany, woodwork, wood-carving, various branches of drawing and commercial instruction, handwork (for teachers), languages, and mathematics. In all some thirty classes were held, the total average attendance being about five hundred. The attendance of the students at the several classes was fairly regular, and the punctuality was very good. The instructors, as a rule, were painstaking and zealous in the discharge of their duties, and are deserving of credit for the highly satisfactory work done.

W. A. BALLANTYNE, Director.