EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT ON SPECIAL CLASSES AT LINCOLN.

The dressmaking classes were continued with marked success throughout the year. A new building for technical classes was built, the Department providing a grant for the purpose, and classes for woodwork were established during the year. Receipts: Capitation, £14 4s.; grants, buildings, £68 10s.; rent, £3; fees, £6: total, £91 14s. Expenditure: Salaries, £10; rent, £3; buildings, £68 10s; balance at end of year, £10 4s.: total, £91 14s.

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

Receipts.		£	s.	đ.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	 	7	5	2	Salaries of instructors	7 8	7	6
Capitation on special classes	 	92	18	6	Office expenses (including salaries, station-			
Fees	 	12	0	0	ery, &c 25%	0	4	0
Voluntary contributions	 	9	19	6	Lighting and heating	1	9	9
Prizes	 	2	10	6	Material for class use 2	0	18	2
Sundry receipts	 	1	5	11	Fees refunded as 3	1	5	0
Balance at end of year	 	6	18	6	Bank fee and cheque-book	0	12	0
•					Sundries was a	0	6	0
					Outstanding at end of year	49	15	8
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H. C. LANE, Secretary.

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

Receipts. Balance at beginning of year Capitation on special classes Fees	,	 £ s. 52113 28 1 25 2	3	Salaries of instructors Advertising and printing Rent Bank commission Caretaker	penditure.	••	1 0 4	0 10 0 5 18	6 0 0	
•				Balance at end of year				41	3	3
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		£85 16	9					£85	16	9
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H. C. LANE, Secretary.

EXTRACT FROM 'THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHRISTCHURCH ASSOCIATED CLASSES.

At the end of 1905 these classes were placed on a new basis, and the control, which had been temporarily assumed by the North Canterbury Board of Education on the resignation of the former managers, was handed over to managers elected by the contributing bodies. These, with their donations, were as follows: North Canterbury Education Board, the site for the new buildings, valued at £1,500; Christchurch City Council, £300; Selwyn County Council, £50; Agricultural and Pastoral Association, £20; Woolston Borough Council, £12 10s.; Chamber of Commerce, £10 10s.; Drainage Board, £10; Riccarton Road Board, £10; Employers' Association, £10; Trades and Labour Council, £10; Industrial Association, £10; Sumner Borough Council, £10; New Brighton Borough Council, £5 5s.; School Committees' Association, £2 2s.; trades-unions, £20 13s.

The present Director was appointed at the end of January, and such reorganization of the work as the conditions allowed was carried out at the beginning of the second term. The work has been conducted throughout the year under the most serious disadvantages. It would be a sufficient matter for congratulation if, under the circumstances which have now existed for nearly four years, the classes had merely survived; the fact that they have been successful gives promise that, when the new buildings are available and are properly equipped, the system of technical education in Christchurch will play a very important part in the commercial and industrial life of the community. The theoretical classes have been held, as heretofore, in a hall partially divided into rooms by partitions. Since it has been generally possible to hear all that has been going on in four or five rooms at the same time, it is hardly necessary to say that the teaching has suffered, and methods have had to be adopted that would not, under more favourable conditions, have been used. Until June the practical classes were held in two workshops rented from the City Council, but as one of these was urgently required by the Council for its storage-cells, all the work—plumbing, carpentry and joinery, coachbuilding, cabinetmaking, and wool-classing—had to be carried on in one room about 40 ft. square, where the acid-fumes from the adjoining batteries were at times intolerable.

In the first term classes were held in the following subjects: Principles and practice of carpentry and joinery, plumbing, carriage - building, wool - classing, dress - cutting and tailor's cutting, English, shorthand, typewriting, commercial arithmetic, book-keeping, commercial correspondence, drawing, geometry, and practical mathematics. At the beginning of the second term the work was reorganized, and the following additional classes were started: Applied science for plumbers, quantity-surveying, building-construction, cabinetmaking, commercial geography, French, and German. With the exception of quantity-surveying and German, the attendance has been such as to justify the continuance of these classes. During the third term, owing to the extension of other branches of the work, the class in tailor's cutting was dropped, as it was not well attended and required much room. It will be revived as soon as space is available.