

		Presented in Blackboard Practice.	Passed.	Presented in Freehand.	Passed.	Presented in Model.	Passed.	Presented in Geometry.	Passed.	Presented in Perspective.	Passed.]
July—											
Teachers ...	...	14	8	17	7	16	6	3	2	2	2
Training students ...	...	19	6	19	13	19	8	...	...	...	...
Pupil-teachers ...	...	58	29	62	29	52	19	2	...	...	...
December—											
Teachers ...	...	22	16	16	14	20	12	4	3	4	3
Training students ...	...	8	7	5	5	7	6	1	1	2	2
Pupil-teachers ...	...	45	32	38	28	23	12	1	1	...	...
Totals ...	...	166	98	157	96	137	63	11	7	8	7

The total number of papers taken was 479, and the total number of passes was 271.

The following teachers hold full second grade drawing certificates: [Not reprinted.]

The examination of public schools of the district in this subject is not compulsory; but since the organization of first grade drawing certificates by the Board's Inspector, Mr. Lee, in 1884 (in accordance with the Art Department of South Kensington, London), the number of candidates presented has considerably increased each year, and now that the whole of the subjects is to be taken, a full certificate will be issued to those who pass in the following sections: Freehand drawing, model drawing, simple scale drawing, plane geometrical drawing. At the examination held in June last the number of schools presenting candidates was 29. The number of papers taken was 761, as follows:—

	Number.	Passed.
Freehand ...	426	232
Geometrical ...	335	284
Total ...	761	516

The number of individual successful candidates was 420. In the forthcoming year papers will be set in all four subjects. The whole of the papers set are strictly in accordance with the requirements of the South Kensington Art Department. The certificates gained by the scholars of the city schools were presented by the Chairman of the Board, J. R. Blair, Esq.

#### *School of Design.*

In April last it was decided to open a School of Design for the purpose of training the teachers under the Board and establishing art and technical classes. The following is the number of students enrolled for the three quarters: First quarter, 78; second quarter, 93; third quarter, 101.

Including the teachers in the Board's service under instruction (without country districts) the total number of students attending the School of Design every week is 237.

The course of instruction has been as follows: Outline from the cast and group of models, light and shade from the same, lectures upon practical plane geometry and linear perspective, painting from the cast and groups of models. A series of lectures upon the application of simple models to common objects was delivered during the last term. The work executed by the students has considerably advanced and has much improved in quality.

A mechanical and engineering class was commenced during the last term, with Mr. A. Herzog, C.E., as instructor, which gives promise of producing excellent and thoroughly practical work. I beg to thank Messrs. W. Brown and Cable and Co. for their generous offer of machines, &c., for the use of this class.

The various classes were examined by Messrs. Wrigg, Koch, and myself, the percentage of passes being about 75. The report of the examiners will be found in Appendix B.

I desire to draw your attention to the necessity of better accommodation: the room at present in use is unserviceable, and the constant annoyance caused by the telephone wires is the cause of very serious complaint and has lost us several good students. The ventilation is bad, and, with the large amount of gas used, must be injurious to the health of the students attending the evening classes.

A supply of models for the forthcoming year is urgently needed—those at present in use are only suitable for a first year's course; and I would urge that these models be obtained as early as possible, so as to continue the work of the school in an efficient manner.

I beg to thank the Chairman and other members of the Board for the full manner in which they have met my suggestions respecting the school, and it will be a matter for the students and myself to show that our industry corresponds with your provision.

The Education Board, Wellington.

I have, &c.,  
ARTHUR D. RILEY.