

instruction as previously, and made fair progress. The numbers are now in excess of any previous year, and good work in designs may reasonably be expected.

2. INSTRUCTION TO TEACHERS has been continued daily throughout the year, and upon two evenings each week. Large numbers have availed themselves of the evening classes, with very beneficial results. Special classes have been held as usual upon Wednesdays and Saturdays, with large attendances. I regret to state that there are still a number of junior assistants who show no desire to gain the information necessary to fit them for class teaching, although additional classes have been held for their benefit, and others opened to them without fee. It is an utter impossibility to have efficient teaching throughout the schools under these conditions. Several assistant teachers have worked very earnestly during the year, notably Miss Lawson and Messrs. McIntyre, Barry, and Erskine. A number of pupil-teachers, including several newly-appointed ones, having obtained the full second-grade certificate, are making commendable progress in the more advanced work of light and shade from objects and the cast, and several have entered the list for the higher-grade examinations of Kensington. These teachers will prove invaluable to the service, as their powers of draughtsmanship and knowledge of light and shade will enable them to illustrate their lessons to great advantage. When it is considered that very few certificates were held previous to the opening of the school, the great progress made may be estimated from the table following, showing the position in drawing of the teachers in the Board's service, and also from the fact that no less than over five thousand certificates have been issued in primary drawing—4,226 in first grade and 1,288 in second grade.

—	No. of Teachers.	Full Certificates.	Five Certificates.	Four Certificates.	Three Certificates.	Two Certificates.	One Certificate.	Nil.
Head teachers ...	79	19	1	3	16	5	10	25
Assistants ...	66	13	4	11	11	13	3	11
Ex-pupil-teachers ...	34	8	6	4	5	7	3	1
Pupil-teachers ...	78	8	6	6	12	15	17	14
Totals ...	257	48	17	24	44	40	33	51

Of the fourteen pupil-teachers entered as holding no certificates, thirteen are new to the service.

3. NUMBER OF STUDENTS entered upon the rolls is as follows: Average per term—Central School 262, subdivided into general students, 137; teachers, 38; pupil-teachers, 80; and scholars, 7. The Wairarapa branch 23; and the Newtown branch, 8. Or a full total of 293 students.

4. EXAMINATIONS in first-, second-, and third-grade art were held at the usual times, and also second- as well as third-grade papers were this year taken in connection with the Science and Art Department.

First Grade.—Number of papers examined, 3,074, as follows: Freehand, 1,179—passed 689, failed 490; model, 187—passed 75, failed 112; scale, 536—passed 381, failed 155; geometrical, 1,172—passed 821, failed 351: total, 3,074—passed 1,966, failed 1,108. Number of papers "excellent," 262; "good," 353. Number of individual candidates, 1,932; passes, 1,405. The increase upon 1889 is as follows: Papers worked, 1,189; passes obtained, 848; individual passes, 509; individual candidates, 417.

Second Grade.—Number of papers examined, 404, as follows: Blackboard, memory and copy, 60—passed 26, failed 34; freehand, 136—passed 79, failed 57; model, 74—passed 29, failed 45; geometrical, 77—passed 42, failed 35; perspective, 68—passed 35, failed 23: total, 405—passed 211, failed 194.

Individual candidates examined, 235; successful, 140. In the local third-grade examination 95 papers were taken; 55 passes were obtained, the number of individual candidates being 36.

Science and Art Department.—In accordance with instructions received from the department, the personal examinations took place in July, when a large number of candidates presented themselves for second- and third-grade subjects. The teachers in the Board's service availed themselves largely of the opportunity to obtain the English certificate, and very great interest was taken throughout. I regret that the returns, owing to some unaccountable delay, are not yet to hand.

The works sent for examination in April for certificate of competition were very successful, the whole of the certificate works being passed, and three prizes awarded in the competition. When consideration is given to the fact that the school competes with the schools of the United Kingdom the result may be considered very satisfactory.

The total number of local papers examined during the year was 3,574, being an increase of 1,188 papers upon 1889. The total number of certificates issued since the school was established is 6,366.

5. PRIZES to the value of £10 have been awarded by myself, as follows: Subject sketch, M. Allan; still-life, H. S. Bennett; design, M. Igglesden; memory, N. Anderson; the second places being awarded respectively to Messrs. Hill, Dasant, and Newton. Mr. A. de B. Brandon has again presented a prize of two volumes to the engineering section, the recipient being W. Waters.

6. GENERAL.—The Masterton branch, under Miss Holmes, has done some remarkably good work, and I regret that the support hitherto afforded by your Board is now withdrawn. The following periodicals have been contributed to the school for the use of the students: *The Engineer*, by the publishers, London; *Work*, by Messrs. Cassells, London; *The Decorator*, by Baillie Brothers, Wellington. The usual difficulty has been experienced during the year in working the school, and I am heartily glad our new premises will soon be habitable. The last two months of the year I was unfortunately prevented from continuing my duties owing to illness, and I desire to