

SECOND GRADE (LOCAL).—Total number of papers taken, 382, subdivided as follows: Free-hand, 115 candidates—100 passed, 15 failed; geometry, 64 candidates—24 passed, 40 failed; perspective, 39 candidates—25 passed, 14 failed; model, 112 candidates—68 passed, 44 failed; memory, blackboard, 52 candidates—20 passed, 32 failed. Outside districts, 119 papers—85 passes, 34 failures. Number of individual candidates examined, 298; passed, 136.

The perspective papers were "very fair." Practical geometry was unsatisfactory, the paper set requiring a knowledge of the principles of the work. Those candidates who merely worked through the text-book without applying the principles would find the paper difficult. In the majority of failures the two problems in solid geometry were not attempted, particularly so in the case of candidates outside Wellington. As solid geometry is of the utmost importance from an industrial and constructive point of view, one of the two problems should be answered. Freehand was exceptionally good, and model very fair to good.

THIRD GRADE (LOCAL).—Number of papers worked, 250: number of passes, 148; failures, 102. Number of individual candidates, 94; passes, 72; 12 papers were excellent and 26 good. The results call for no special mention, with the exception of those in the theory of plumbing; in this case the questions in hydrostatics, hydraulics, ventilation, and water-supply were particularly well answered by the candidates.

SCIENCE AND ART DEPARTMENT, SOUTH KENSINGTON.—The results in connection with the examinations of the above department are of a satisfactory nature. 45,220 works were submitted from 279 schools throughout the United Kingdom and the colonies, and of these only 4,398 were selected for national competition. A national book-prize for design was awarded to Millicent Igglesden. Four students obtained sufficient marks in the competition to entitle them under the department's regulations to free studentships for one year—viz., Millicent Igglesden, design; Ethel Whittem, drawing; Florence Broome, designs; Mary Lingard, life and still-life work.

Wellington having no art collection, either industrial or artistic, our students labour under exceptional disadvantages as compared with other towns, and especially the English schools, where loans of the most artistic and valuable objects are constantly obtained on behalf of the schools. A collection of works selected from the national competition has, I believe, been promised the Education Department for six months. We shall thus be able to compare our work with those of the English schools; it is the want of this comparison, which the Home students have yearly, which tends to lessen the aims of our students, who have only local examples.

ART CLASS TEACHERS' CERTIFICATES.—The following have this year completed this certificate: Mary Lingard, Florence Broome, Evelyn Dasant, Ethel Whittem.

ELEMENTARY DRAWING CERTIFICATES, FIRST CLASS.—The following have obtained the full certificate: Noeline Baker, Margaret Beecroft, Ethel Whittem, Edith Evans. Students are again reminded of the requirements of the elementary drawing certificate, the subjects are as follows: (a) Freehand drawing (subject 2B)—a first-class pass; (b) model-drawing (subject 3A)—a first-class pass; (c) shading from casts (subject 5B)—a first-class pass; (d) a pass in the elementary stage of science, subject I. (geometry).

SECOND-GRADE ART.—Number of papers taken, 250; passed, 173; failed, 77. Freehand: 106 candidates; 27 first class, 31 second class, 48 failed. Model: 75 candidates; 45 first class, 26 second class, 7 failed. Perspective: 21 candidates; 6 first class, 7 second class, 8 failed. Light and shade: 42 candidates; 12 first class, 18 second class, 12 failed. Geometrical: 3 candidates; 1 first class, 2 failed.

THIRD-GRADE ART.—Number of papers submitted, 81; passed, 64; failed, 17. Outline from cast: 20 candidates; 2 excellent, 11 first class, 5 second class, 2 failed. Light and shade from cast: 21 candidates; 9 first class, 7 second class, 5 failed. Drawing from models: 31 candidates; 15 first class, 12 second class, 4 failed. Design (advanced): 2 candidates; 1 second class, 1 failed. Still life: 6 candidates; 1 second class, 5 failed. Antique: 1 candidate; 1 second class.

SCIENCE.—Number of papers submitted, 63; passed, 26; fair, 17; failed, 20. Plane and solid geometry: 17 candidates; 5 passed, 3 fair, 9 failed. Machine construction: 16 candidates; 8 passed, 2 fair, 6 failed. Building construction: 14 candidates; 7 passed, 5 fair, 2 failed. Mathematics (1, 2, and 3): 9 candidates; 3 passed, 4 fair, 2 failed. Applied mechanics: 3 candidates; 2 passed, 1 fair. Magnetism and electricity: 2 candidates; 2 fair. Human physiology: 1 candidate; 1 passed. Botany: 1 candidate; 1 failed. External papers numbered 13: passed, 3; fair, 4; failed, 6. The number of works accepted towards the Art Class and Art Masters' certificates was nineteen. The following now hold the Art Masters' and Art Class Teachers' certificates of the Science and Art Department, South Kensington: Art Masters—Mary E. Richardson. Art Class Teachers—Mary E. Richardson, Marion Bronsdon, R. Norman Anderson, Mary Allan, Mabel Hill, Elizabeth Benbow, Mary Lawson, Mary Lingard, Florence Broome, Evelyn Dasant, Ethel Whittem. It is satisfactory to report that advantage is now being taken of the examinations in science subjects, especially by the teachers in the Board's service. The science subjects in which candidates may be examined are again stated for information, and are as follows: Practical, plane, and solid geometry; machine construction and drawing, building construction, naval architecture, mathematics, theoretical mathematics—(a) solids, (b) fluids; applied mechanics; sound, light, and heat (elementary stages)—(a) sound (advanced stage and honours), (b) light (advanced stage and honours), (c) heat (advanced stage and honours); magnetism and electricity, inorganic chemistry (theoretical), inorganic chemistry (practical), organic chemistry (theoretical), organic chemistry (practical), geology, mineralogy, human physiology, general biology, zoology, botany, principles of mining, metallurgy (theoretical), metallurgy (practical), navigation, nautical astronomy, steam, physiography, principles of agriculture, hygiene.

CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION.—The examinations under this department have been conducted as usual. The number of candidates examined was 35; passed, 18; and failed, 17. Plumbing, theory: 14 candidates; 5 passed, 9 failed.