

Local Examinations.—At the July examinations the total number of pupil-teachers examined was as follows :—

Subjects.	Number examined.	Passed			Failed.
		First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	
Freehand drawing ...	21	2	6	8	5
Model-drawing ...	30	2	15	11	2
Blackboard-drawing ...	30	2	10	18	...
Scale-drawing ...	21	3	9	5	4
Geometrical drawing ...	30	3	14	10	3
Solid geometry ...	30	3	24	2	1

At the December examinations the total number of teachers and pupil-teachers examined in second grade was as follows :—

Subjects.	Number examined.	Passed.			Failed.
		First Class.	Second Class.	Third Class.	
Freehand drawing...	16	7	5	2	2
Model-drawing ...	15	1	10	2	2
Geometrical drawing ...	2	1	1

RETURN of CLASSES for the Year 1899.

Subjects of Instruction.	Number of Classes.	Number of Students.	Average Attendance.
Freehand (from flat and round) and shading ...	12	77	33·7
Drawing from nature, painting, and modelling ...	6	20	10·3
Mechanical drawing, engineering, and machine construction ...	3	25	15·1
Geometry and perspective ...	3	59	26·0
Design and ornament ...	3	10	4·3
Architecture and building construction ...	1	17	7·0
Mathematics ...	2	25	5·2
Natural and experimental science (botany, chemistry, and physics)	4	30	15·4
Woodwork and work-carving ...	7	69	27·7
Domestic instruction ...	7	110	28·8
English and commercial subjects ...	5	40	16·4

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Primary Instruction.

LITTLE more than the drawing required can be expected under the present condition of the syllabus, and therefore the progress made in the development of hand-and-eye training in relation to ordinary school life must naturally be slow. The necessity of such a course of training is, however, steadily forcing itself upon the public mind, and the teachers are gradually admitting its importance as a factor in primary education. A number of teachers have already adopted sections of hand-and-eye work with considerable success. There has been a considerable increase in clay-modelling and paper-folding, and a fair increase in cardboard-modelling. Brickwork and wire-work have been commenced. In drawing much bolder work with greater freedom in the nature of adopting units as the basis of a pattern, and the consequent reduction in the use of copies, is having good effect. Blackboard-drawing by the scholars is freely encouraged in many schools. I sincerely hope that such changes will be made in the syllabus as will enable hand-and-eye training to be incorporated with the present school subjects, and thus bring our present educational system more in accordance with modern developments.

First-grade Drawing Examination.

In this examination the following were the results: The total number of papers issued was 7,244; the number worked, 6,536; and the number passed, 4,134, viz.: Freehand—2,097, passed, 1,159; geometry—2,027, passed, 1,389; scale—1,553, passed, 1,005; model—859, passed, 581.