

Art Subjects.—Geometrical drawing (elementary stage)—Examined, 12; passed, 10; failed, 2. Perspective drawing (elementary stage)—Examined, 12; passed—first class, 3; second class, 4; failed, 5. Freehand drawing (elementary stage)—Examined, 79; passed—first class, 34; second class, 38; failed, 7. Freehand drawing (advanced stage)—Examined, 9; passed—first class, 4; second class, 3; failed, 2. Model-drawing (elementary stage)—Examined, 40; passed—first class, 12; second class, 21; failed, 7. Model-drawing (advanced stage)—Examined, 7; passed—first class, 3; second class, 1; failed, 3. Drawing in light and shade (elementary stage)—Examined, 25; passed—first class, 6, second class, 12; failed, 7. Drawing in light and shade (advanced stage)—Examined, 16; passed—first class, 3; second class, 8; failed, 5. Principles of ornament (elementary stage)—Examined, 1; passed—second class, 1. Painting ornament—Examined, 2; failed, 2. Drawing from the life—Examined, 2; failed, 2. Drawing from the antique—Examined, 4; passed—second class, 2; failed, 2. Totals: Examined, 209; passed, 165; failed, 44.

The works accepted for the art-class teacher's certificate were as follows: Geometrical drawing, 1; freehand drawing, 3; model-drawing, 1. The works accepted for the art master's certificate were: Perspective, 1; outline drawing from nature, 1; outline drawing from the figure, 1; painting group, 1. One student gained the art-class teacher's certificate. In July the Education Department, Wellington, forwarded for exhibition an instructive collection of posters. These were exhibited in the school, and attracted a large number of interested visitors. The usual exhibition of students' work was held at the close of the session, and was largely attended.

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The following occupations are represented by the students of the evening classes: Architect, 1; blacksmiths, 4; builders, 2; baker, 1; brass-finishers, 2; carpenters, 29; clerks, 3; copper-smith, 1; cutter, 1; cabinetmaker, 1; coachbuilders, 2; draughtsmen, 3; drapers, 2; dairy-man, 1; dressmaker, 1; engineers, 33; engraver, 1; farmer, 1; fitters, 11; home duty, 1; ironmoulders, 2; ironmonger, 1; joiners, 7; jewellers, 2; japanner, 1; machinist, 1; plumber, 1; pattern-maker, 1; painters, 10; photographer, 1; retouchers, 3; students, 7; signwriter, 1; sales-woman, 1; starch-manufacturer, 1; tailoresses, 4; turners, 2; telephonist, 1; teachers, 2; wool-classer, 1; no occupation, 5: total, 156.

DUNEDIN TECHNICAL CLASSES ASSOCIATION.

Your committee begs to submit the eleventh annual report of the Dunedin Technical Classes Association.

Your committee regrets that no further progress has been made towards the establishment of a technological museum. Should the projected addition to the buildings be carried out, it is intended to provide accommodation for this purpose. Similarly there is nothing to report in regard to the library.

The association during the past session employed twenty-six paid teachers and assistants, and thirty-five classes were carried on in twenty-three different subjects. Of these classes, two were held at Port Chalmers, and the experiment was so far successful that the local committee hope to extend the scope of the work during the coming session. The total number of students enrolled was 767, and of these seventeen received total or partial remission of their fees. Four students gained the senior diploma of the association, fourteen the junior diploma, and 228 gained certificates qualifying for diplomas.

The reports of the examination held in 1899 by City and Guilds of London Institute show that four candidates passed the preliminary grade in plumbers' work, while in the ordinary grade of the same work two gained first-class passes, and one a second-class. In the honours' work in plumbing one gained a second-class, and in the honours' work in bookbinding one gained a first. In carpentry and joinery, ordinary grade, three candidates were successful in gaining a first-class. The positions gained by Dunedin candidates in this examination compare favourably with those of all other centres in the colony. In the examination of the Science and Art Department one student was awarded a first-class pass in drawing and machine construction, and one a second-class in advanced theoretical chemistry and a first-class in practical chemistry.

During the year Mr. George M. Thomson organized a scheme for raising a building fund through the agency of past and present students. This work was not very enthusiastically taken up, but £125 17s. 6d. was collected and handed to the treasurer.

With regard to the workshops and laboratory required for the teaching of practical electricity, your committee, after full consideration of the position, decided to proceed, as soon as possible, with the erection of an additional building at the back of the present premises. Plans and specifications were prepared by the association's architect, whose estimate of cost of a two-story building was £1,230, while alternative plans showed that a three-story building would involve an approximate expenditure of £1,700.

On the 1st November a deputation waited upon the Premier to ascertain what amount of assistance the Government were prepared to grant for this purpose. After discussion of the scheme and examination of the association's premises, the Premier undertook to further the wishes of the association as far as lay in his power. Owing, however, to the general election and patriotic movements having since engrossed universal attention, nothing definite has been arranged up to the present, but the committee is still in communication with the Government on the subject. Meanwhile, although the association is in possession of a valuable plant and apparatus for practical electrical work, the opening of a class in this subject is still postponed.