

of the teachers and of those ladies and gentlemen who have assisted in the class examinations testify to the continued good work which is being carried on in the school. The general conduct of the students is also extremely satisfactory.

GEO. M. THOMSON,

Honorary Secretary and Superintendent.

Occupations of Students.—Accountants, 7; artist, 1; bicycle-makers, 2; blacksmiths, 6; boilermakers, 10; book-keeper, 1; booksellers, 4; bootmakers, 4; brass-finishers, 6; bricklayer, 1; butchers, 2; cabinetmakers, 2; carpenters, 17; cash-boy, 1; cashiers, 4; chemists, 27; Civil servants, 2; clerks, 93; coachbuilder, 1; commission agent, 1; compositors, 5; constables (police), 2; cooks, 2; cooper, 1; currier, 1; dairyman, 1; dentists, 3; domestic duties, 25; domestic servants, 15; drapers, 11; draughtsmen, 3; dressmakers, 19; dyer, 1; electrician, 1; engine-drivers, 2; engineers, 59; factory-hands, 10; farmers, 5; fitters, 8; florist, 1; gardeners, 4; gripmen (cable car), 1; grocers, 13; hosier, 1; hospital-attendants, 2; house-keeper, 1; ink-manufacturer, 1; ironmongers, 8; ironmoulders, 3; jeweller, 1; joiners, 2; kindergarten students, 5; kindergarten teachers, 2; knitter, 1; law clerks, 4; laundress, 1; letter-carriers, 2; machinists, 12; mantle-makers, 2; message-boys, 7; milliner, 1; monumental sculptor, 1; music-teacher, 1; news agent, 1; office-boys, 26; packers, 3; painters, 3; pattern-makers, 2; piano-maker, 1; plumbers, 19; photographers, 2; picture-framer, 1; presser, 1; printers, 4; pupil-teachers, 8; railway-hands, 3; reeler, 1; retouchers, 4; saddlers, 4; sail-maker, 1; salesmen, 7; saleswomen, 7; school (attending), 31; seedsman, 1; shop-boys, 5; shopmen, 2; station-hand, 1; stationers, 6; storemen, 13; striker, 1; students, 5; tailors, 6; tailoresses, 8; teachers, 9; telegraphists, 3; timekeeper, 1; tinsmiths, 2; traveller, 1; turners, 2; typist, 1; Venetian-blind makers, 2; warehousemen, 12; watchmakers, 2; wood-carver, 1; no occupation, 68; occupation not stated, 43; total, 767.

Total number of students enrolled, 767; new students, 512; former students, 255; male students, 529; female students, 238; number entered for one class only, 614; number entered for two classes, 130; number entered for three classes, 11; number entered for four classes, 9; number entered for five classes, 3.

Winners of a single certificate, 192; winners of two certificates, 32; winners of four certificates, 2; winners of five certificates, 2.

Ages of students: Over twenty-five years, 64; over twenty years, 207; over nineteen years, 64; over eighteen years, 65; over seventeen years, 98; over sixteen years, 105; over fifteen years, sixty-six; under fifteen years, 54; not stated, 44; total, 767.

TECHNICAL CLASSES, TOKOMAIRIRO PUBLIC SCHOOL.

As in former years, there were two classes in woodwork, consisting of twenty boys, with an average attendance of fifteen, and a class in agricultural chemistry of seventeen boys, with an average attendance of fourteen. In woodwork the boys pay for their own material, and make some article for their own or parents' use, such as boxes, writing-desks, bookcases, music-holders, tables, and various ornamental articles, inlaid or in fretwork. The work is carried on for two quarters in the year, each boy paying quarterly 2s. 6d. to the instructor. £13 13s. 9d. was paid by the boys for material, and £4 5s. 6d. as fees.

In agricultural chemistry, lime, its occurrence and value as a fertiliser, along with the analysis of limestone, formed the subject of study. The Government subsidy of £7 15s. 9d. was expended as follows: Replacing tools and saw-sharpening, 15s. 7d.; platinum weights, 11s. 7d.; drilling-machine and blowpipe lamp, £3; chemicals, £3 6s. 8d.; carriage, 1s. 6d.

JAMES REID.

WAIWERA MANUAL AND TECHNICAL ASSOCIATION.

REPORT, SESSION 1899.

THE only work carried on under the auspices of this association during 1899 was a painting class, taught by Mrs. Anderson. The number on the roll was seven, with an average attendance of 6.30. As in former years, the work done and the progress made by this class was a surprise to all who examined the exhibits at the close of the session.

The committee express their regret that a great deal more interest is not taken in the classes by those whom they are designed to assist.

The balance-sheet shows a receipt of £8 8s. 6d., and an expenditure of £6 19s., leaving a credit balance in hand of £1 9s. 6d.

5th April, 1900.

J. A. ANDERSON, President.

M. G. TAIT, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

SOUTHLAND TECHNICAL CLASSES ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL REPORT for Year ended 28th February, 1900.

YOUR committee has much pleasure in presenting to members the fourth annual report:—

The Government being unable, owing to their failure to pass the necessary legislation, to give any extra financial assistance beyond the ordinary capitation grant, an appeal was made to the Education Board, and that body most generously donated the sum of £20 towards assisting the