

Timaru Borough Council, the South Canterbury Jockey Club, and the South Canterbury Caledonian Society. Five persons became life members of the association. The business of the association was carried on by this provisional committee until the 7th August, 1901, when, at a general meeting of the members, seven managers were elected, according to the regulations under "The Manual and Technical Instruction Act, 1900." The South Canterbury Board of Education being entitled to a voice in the management of the association, nominated two members as its representatives. It was found best to set up Associated Classes, with the South Canterbury Education Board as controlling authority.

The following shows what classes were carried on during the session, and the number of students in each class: Arithmetic, 31 pupils; book-keeping, 76; cookery, 32; drawing, 24; dress-making, 82; English, 29; English literature, 69; French, 11; Latin, 8; mathematics, 15; mechanical drawing, 26; painting and modelling, 15; shorthand, 64: total, 482. Altogether 368 individual pupils were enrolled in the various classes.

It should be noted here that the liberal contributions of the citizens and of the local bodies, and the fees paid by the pupils, more than covered the expenditure of the association. Hence there is apparently a substantial credit balance. But the experience of the year has convinced the managers that if the work of the association is to be carried on with permanent success and with all-round benefit to the young people of the town it is absolutely necessary that a building suitable for technical classes be erected as soon as possible. This building must be one in which classes in such subjects as woodwork and plumbing may be carried on. Therefore the managers think that a vigorous and determined effort should be made by the citizens to raise funds to erect such a building.

Some of the classes, notably the dressmaking and the shorthand, proved rather unwieldy; but the experience gained will prove valuable when arrangements are being made for succeeding sessions. The session lasted for twelve weeks, ending about the middle of October.

The balance-sheet is as follows: Receipts: Voluntary contributions, £87 7s. 6d.; pupils' fees, £118 8s. 6d.; goods sold, £1 8s. 6d.; Government subsidy, £79 17s. 6d.; Government capitation, £63 1s. 5d.; interest, 17s. 1d.: total, £351 0s. 6d. Expenditure: Teachers' salaries, £102 6s.; gas-fittings, £33 0s. 9d.; permanent apparatus, £13 19s. 2d.; groceries, &c., £2 6s. 3d.; stationery, £2 4s. 6d.; printing and advertising, £7 10s. 6d.; janitor, £6 14s.; gas, £2 15s. 6d.; stamps and telegrams, £1 3s. 3d.; fees returned, 9s.; hire of hall, 11s.; cheque-book, 5s.; secretary and superintendent, £17; auditor, 10s. 6d.: total expenditure, £190 15s. 5d. Balance in bank, £160 5s. 1d.

There is due to the Timaru Gas Company an account for £11 12s., which may be paid when the Government has intimated how much it will grant the association on a claim for material amounting to just over £40.

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##### REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

*Technical Instruction.*—With the view to the introduction of handwork into the schools, the Board, as soon as it was furnished with the means, organized classes for the training of the teachers in kindergarten work, and in plasticine and cardboard modelling. Afternoon classes, evening classes, Saturday classes, and summer classes were held in Dunedin, and Saturday classes in Oamaru, all of them being in every way most successful. Teachers are now awaiting the necessary modification of the syllabus to enable them to introduce these subjects as an integral part of the schoolwork. The question of cookery for the girls of Standards VI. and VII. also occupied the Board's attention, and arrangements are now completed for a regular course of instructions in this subject.

*The Technical Course of Instruction at the Normal School.*—Besides the usual course of instruction given by the members of the staff, special lessons were given on kindergarten work and modelling in plasticine. Miss Landels gave a course of lessons on paper-folding and paper-cutting, in which the students were much interested. Mr. Walls, the instructor in modelling, spoke highly of the work done by the students in this subject. The students were given a series of practical lessons in paper-folding, which were afterwards repeated in the Normal School and in some of the associated schools. On the whole, they were satisfactory, and of real educational value and interest. Before kindergarten or manual work is introduced into the public schools, large or small, a definite course of experimental lessons on the subject should be given, with the view of determining the most suitable subjects for public-school classes, and of arranging a definite course of lessons, together with instructions with regard to the methods and principles to be adopted in teaching kindergarten and manual lessons.

##### REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN.

During the year the total number of students enrolled was 443, showing a decided increase on that of the previous year. This total included 112 students who attended the day classes, 47 pupil-teachers, 26 students from the Training College, 214 students who attended the evening classes, and 44 teachers and pupil-teachers who attended the Saturday classes.

Classes for elementary and advanced drawing and painting were held every day and evening, including Saturday forenoon. The work comprised outline drawing and shading from models, from casts of ornament, and from the figure; drawing and painting from groups of still life, from flowers, and from the life, both draped and nude; drawing plant-forms from nature, elementary design and modelling in clay; practical plane and solid geometry, perspective, building-construction, and machine construction and drawing.

*Outline Drawing, and Light and Shade.*—The elementary course consisted of drawing n outline from geometrical models, from vases, and from simple casts of ornament; the advanced