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roll being thirteen, whilst the average attendance of pupils was ten. A class in Pitman's shorthand has also been carried on by Miss Butement, the average number of pupils on the roll being four, and the average attendance also being four. The Civil Service class was carried on under the direction of Mr. A. N. Burns, B.A., and has again proved itself of great benefit to candidates preparing for the Civil Service and other examinations. The average roll-number was eight, whilst the average attendance for the three terms was seven. This class has been the means of supplying a long-felt want, and should therefore command a considerable amount of support during the coming year.

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At the close of the instruction for the year a free exhibition of work done by the students belonging to the classes in drawing, painting, woodworking, wood-carving, and plumbing was held, and proved most successful in affording the public, who attended in large numbers, some idea of the scope and character of the work carried on by this institution. Many of the comments passed by persons well qualified to judge were most favourable, and as a result it is anticipated that the number of pupils entering the classes for this year's work will be largely augmented.

In April last the Managers succeeded in making terms with the Trust Lands Trustees for the renting of buildings suitable for workshops. These premises have now been fitted up, and the classes in woodworking, wood-carving, and plumbing were successfully carried on therein during the year. Though still far from perfect, this arrangement is much in advance of all previous efforts, and there is little reason to doubt that when the necessary repairs have been effected, these premises will prove eminently suited for the accommodation and requirements of classes such as those indicated. In their report last year the Managers referred to the very uncertain nature of their tenure of the present site of the Technical School. Though the building itself has been donated to the association for temporary use as a technical school, yet the removal of the building may be called for at the shortest notice. Under these circumstances it will easily be seen how urgent is the necessity for moving in the direction of the establishment of a permanent building.

In conclusion, the Managers express the hope that the public may now be induced to take a greater interest in matters connected with this institution, and afford it that amount of support and encouragement to which it is fairly entitled. At present, notwithstanding the many difficulties and drawbacks by which it is hampered, the work is being pushed steadily on. Given, however, a fair amount of support and sympathy, there is every prospect of its developing into one of the most useful institutions of its kind in the colony.

A glance at the accompanying statement of receipts and expenditure shows that the receipts for the year ending the 31st December, 1904, amounted to the sum of £519 14s. 3d., whilst the expenditure for the same period was £509 5s. 8d., thus leaving the sum of £10 8s. 7d. to be carried forward to next year's operations.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending 31st December, 1904.

Receipts.	•	£	8.	đ.	Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1903		. 85	12	4	Administration—			
Grants from Government-					Salaries of instructors	324	12	1
Capitation on classes		103	6	9	Office expenses (including salaries, sta-			
Buildings		. 13	0	0	tionery, &c.)	36	6	4
Furniture, fittings, apparatus		. 2	4	0	Advertising and printing	17	10	0
Material		. 11	2	4	Lighting and heating	12	5	3
Subsidies on voluntary contrib			13	1	Insurance and repairs	4	12	9
Other Receipts—				_	Rent	37	5	0
Pone		116	15	0	Examinations, &c	1	2	
Voluntary contributions		100		9	Material for class use	16		10
Refund for gas used, South			10	J	Other Expenses—	10	•	10
Ti	rensing to:	1	-	0	Comptoling	14	6	0
Examinations	••	1	1	U	T. 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		-	0
				- 1	Cartage	1	11	3
					Bank charges	1	5	3
				i	Furniture, fittings, and apparatus	42	0	5
					Balance, 31st December, 1904	10	8	7
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		£519	14	3		£519	14	3

Edwin Frist, Chairman of Managers. N. B. Bunting, Secretary.

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EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE EDUCATION BOARD.

Technical Education.—The work of the Board in the matter of technical education has been greatly hindered by circumstances over which members have no control. This district extends for 350 miles along the East Coast, and population is not only scattered, but there are separate centres requiring special help so as to benefit the smaller schools. The Board is anxious to see woodwork and cookery classes established at such centres, but up to the present it has not been possible. In Napier there is the semblance of a Technical School carried on in rooms quite unsuitable, and the Minister requires the local body to provide a suitable site before making a grant to erect a building. The Board hopes to be able to announce shortly that a suitable site has been acquired. The Gisborne Technical School is in full working-order, and classes have been formed in plumbing, woodwork, and cookery, and they give promise of excellent results. The teachers' Saturday classes are proving of much value to the district, and are greatly appreciated by the majority of teachers. In Napier seventy-one teachers availed themselves of the classes in handwork and eighteen others in woodwork, and the class at Dannevirke in handwork was also well attended. The Board closed temporarily the Gisborne classes, the expense being too heavy under the con-