

have secured promises of grants in aid from the County Council and Town Boards, and are anxious to see the classes at work. In the matter of the teaching of agriculture, the Technical Committee of this Board, taking advantage of the interest in the subject aroused by the lecture given by the Inspector-General of Schools before the Hawke's Bay Branch of the Farmers' Union, approached that body with the object of securing its co-operation in introducing classes for the teaching of agriculture in this district. The various local bodies were asked for their support, and the Pata-ngata and Waipawa Counties, Napier Borough, and Hawke's Bay Agricultural and Pastoral Society expressed their willingness to assist. Their support was not sufficient to carry out the scheme of work, and the matter is in abeyance. The Department is to be thanked for its liberal assistance in the recognition and equipment of classes, and, although at times the regulations seemed complicated and unnecessarily exacting, yet these seeming defects may disappear as the work becomes better known. Instructors are to be thanked for the care and interest shown by them in their work. The report by Mr. Anderson on the classes of the Napier Technical School is attached hereto.

G. T. FANNIN, Secretary.

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EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT ON THE NAPIER TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

The number of students registered in each class during the year is as follows: Art classes—General drawing, light and shade, and design, 44; sketching from nature, and painting from still life, 16. Teachers' classes—Stencil-cutting, design, modelling, brushwork, and model-drawing, 71; woodwork, 18. Other classes—Woodwork, 34; shorthand, 44; typewriting, 25; book-keeping, 8; building-construction, 3; plumbing, 20.

Art classes: All the classes were satisfactorily attended. Much good work was done by the senior students, many of whom are in their third year of study. Teachers' classes: In the classes for hand-and-eye work decided advance was made, the quality of the work all round was good, and many teachers are giving instruction in the various branches in their schools. The textbooks granted by the Department have been most useful in these classes, and are greatly appreciated by the many earnest students of the school. The teachers attending the woodwork classes worked well in preparation for the City and Guilds' Examination, and of the eight who entered for the first-year test, not a single failure was recorded. Evening woodwork class: This class was conducted during the year for boys only, and to those attending the primary schools free instruction was given. Shorthand and typewriting: These subjects were highly popular, and the attendance at times severely taxed the very limited accommodation. The book-keeping and building-construction classes had to be abandoned after the first quarter; although the instructors were well known and thoroughly qualified, the attendance was so unsatisfactory that it was not considered worth while to continue the classes. Theoretical plumbing: Not very much interest was taken in this important branch of plumbers' work, although those attending the classes last year were earnest enough in their preparation for their compulsory examination, in which most of the candidates were successful.

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EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL CLASSES CONDUCTED BY THE GISBORNE HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Owing to the non-completion of the Technical School buildings work was not commenced until June, when technical classes for dressmaking, woodworking, plumbing, and mechanical drawing, and continuation classes in English, shorthand, book-keeping, and mathematics were started. The attendance was disappointing, the dressmaking and plumbing classes being the most popular. Good work was done in the various classes. In the second quarter, owing to the warm weather, the dressmaking and plumbing classes did not resume work, and the attendance at the other classes fell off considerably. The register of the mechanical drawing class was lost in the fire which destroyed the district school, and we were therefore unable to claim the capitation earned by that class for the second quarter. The cookery and science rooms were not completed until the end of the year, consequently these subjects were not taken in hand, but we are in hopes of being able to start cookery for both school and adult classes in February next, as negotiations are proceeding with the view of engaging an instructor. Financially the classes did not pay, but, with the assistance of a sum of £10, being part of the balance from the old Technical Classes Committee formed some years ago, we nearly paid our way. We must express regret at the small amount of interest taken in the classes by the general public, and would earnestly appeal to parents and others interested in our young people to encourage them to take advantage of the facilities offered to them to improve their education. In other parts of New Zealand technical classes are well attended, and we see no reason why Gisborne should be behindhand in the matter.

W. MORGAN, Chairman.

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

<i>Receipts.</i>		£ s. d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£ s. d.
Balance at beginning of year		9 9 8	Administration—		
Grants from Government—			Salaries of instructors	75 8 0	
Capitation on classes	19 12 8		Lighting and heating	6 11 1	
Buildings	853 13 4½		Sundries	6 3 6	
Furniture, fittings, and apparatus ..	136 16 1½		Buildings—		
Fees	61 13 6		Contracts (new buildings, additions, &c.) ..	824 13 4½	
Trustees for the Evening Classes Com-			Architect, &c.	29 0 0	
mittee, being a payment on account of a			Furniture, fittings, and apparatus ..	136 16 1½	
sum of £50 lent to the committee ..	10 0 0		Balance at end of year	12 13 3	
		£1,091 5 4			£1,091 5 4

C. A. DE LA TOUR,

Secretary to Controlling Authority.

Examined and found correct.—F. A. COLEMAN, F.N.Z.A.A., Auditor. 9th June, 1905.