

the work of the school has been increased and its usefulness has been extended, with every prospect of advancing popularity, we are—at the end of the year—placed in a position of great uncertainty with regard to accommodation. Obligated to leave the building in which the work has been carried on for so many years, the school is at present without a habitation. The Premier has been interviewed, and a grant in aid of building has been promised, giving £1 for £1 on all subscriptions; but meanwhile we are out in the cold, our only refuge a building which will need considerable outlay to make it suitable to our purpose, and will even then be inconvenient. We have been negotiating for rooms in the Normal School, but, at present, without success. We have been offered accommodation in the unused South Belt School, but, though that building might easily be made to serve our purpose, its position is most unsuitable, and would much decrease if not entirely put a stop to the useful work which is being done by means of the adult classes, whilst it would be inconvenient to many of the city and suburban schools. The decrease in the adult classes would also diminish our income considerably. With sincere regret we have to announce the loss of one of our staff through continued sickness. Miss Rennie has been connected with the school for over six years, and has done good work on its behalf. Owing to her illness, the work of the other members of the staff has been increased considerably, especially as weekly classes have for some time been held in Timaru. Mrs. Gard'ner, by invitation, attended a winter school in New Plymouth during the year. Mrs. R. D. Harman held the usual examination at the end of the year, and says in her report, "The practical work was quite up to the usual standard of excellence, which can only be attained by steady training and hard study during the year. The papers were well written, showing a thorough knowledge of the various branches of cookery, also the cause and effect of the various methods employed. The students also obtained very high marks for neatness and tidiness."

Certificates were obtained by six students, the work of four students being highly commended.

Special classes have been held during the year for those working in factories and shops, for domestic servants, and for pupils of private schools. Demonstration lessons in advanced cookery have also been given from time to time by the principal, and have been much appreciated. The attendance was as follows: First term, 154; second term, 130; third term, 142. Pupils from the following public schools received instruction in cookery during the year: Richmond, 69; Normal School, 60; St. Albans, 59; West Christchurch, 52; East Christchurch, 99; Waltham, 65; Sydenham, 46; Halswell, 15.

The total number of pupils that attended the school during the year was 918.

C. M. GRAY, Chairman.

Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1904.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£ s. d.		<i>Expenditure.</i>		£ s. d.	
Credit balance at 31st December, 1903	..	69	4	9	Salaries of instructors	..	270 10 10
Government Grants—					General expenses—		
Capitation on classes	104	5	6	Cleaning	29 8 0
For material	104	10	10	Telephone	7 5 6
For rent	43	0	0	Printing and advertising	23 17 6
Per North Canterbury Board of Education					Bank charges and cheque-book	0 17 6
for capitation on school classes	303	18	2	Petties	17 10 0
Sales	75	14	9	Rent	91 13 4
Fees	122	19	1	Material	156 10 4
Rent from sub-tenant	14	0	0	Lighting and heating	40 3 7
					Instruction in dressmaking and laundry	43 14 3
					Utensils and repairs	5 3 0
					Bonus to staff	35 0 0
					Examiner's fee	2 2 0
					Balance	113 17 3
		<u>£837</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>£837 13 1</u>

O'BRYEN HOARE, Hon. Treasurer.

I have examined the vouchers, cash-book, and bank pass-book in connection with above and certify to the correctness of the above statement.—W. ENSOM, Auditor.—25th January, 1905.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF CANTERBURY COLLEGE.
School of Art.

The Art Master reported: As compared with 1903, the numbers in attendance were:—1903: First term—day 34, evening 157, Saturday 74, total 265; second term—day 33, evening 144, Saturday 92, total 269; third term—day 32, evening 135, Saturday 98, total 265: grand total, 799. 1904: First term—day 51, evening 117, Saturday 84, total 252; second term—day 48, evening 134, Saturday 93, total 275; third term—day 52, evening 139, Saturday 103, total 294: grand total, 821. This shows an increase of twenty-two on the previous year, and is spread over the day and Saturday classes. An afternoon class for general art-work was started at the beginning of the year and held two afternoons a week.

Drawing and Painting.—The instruction has comprised drawing and painting from life, still life, landscape, and from nature, antique and elementary work. All students have also practised modelling, which has proved helpful in learning form. An increasing number have taken up applied art-work instead of painting.

Modelling, Moulding, and Casting.—This class was well attended by the painting students, with an average of nineteen per term. Very few of those taking "applied" relief work also took modelling. This is to be regretted, as it is of special value for this work. The instruction comprised modelling from the cast (ornamental and antique) and from life, also the carrying-out of original designs preparatory to the final work in carving and *repoussé*. The various methods of casting were practised.