

primary schools amounted in the aggregate to about £550. The newly appointed teacher of cookery took up her duties in February, and her classes have been well attended and successfully conducted. At the end of the year a teacher of woodwork was appointed to commence duties early in 1906. Arrangements have been made for the teaching of the subjects of cookery and woodwork to the upper classes of eight of the larger schools, and the number will be gradually increased. Classes for the training of teachers in manual and technical subjects were conducted at Timaru and Waimate, those at the former place being well attended. Twelve teachers passed the City and Guilds first-year examination in woodwork, and intend sitting for the final examination during 1906. Seventeen others passed the St. John's Ambulance Association examination for first aid. During the week before Christmas a summer school for the instruction of teachers in cardboard modelling and geology was held, nearly all the teachers in the district attending. The former class was taught by Mr. Isaac, Inspector of Technical Schools, assisted by Mr. Clarke, of Stratford; the latter class by Dr. Marshall, of the Otago University. The attendance at these classes was good, the teachers took a keen interest in their work, and the instruction must result in increased efficiency in the schools. The "associated classes" at Timaru, Waimate, and Temuka continue to do good work in their districts. Classes are formed in shorthand, bookkeeping, typewriting, English, arithmetic, and other commercial subjects; but when the teaching is good, the classes in which the greatest interest is taken are those in the more technical subjects, such as plumbing, carpentry, cookery, dress-cutting, &c. Efforts are being made to increase the number and efficiency of such classes. A pleasing feature in connection with the Timaru classes is the increasing interest taken in the plumbing and carpentry classes by the master builders. If employers generally would follow this example and encourage their apprentices to attend evening classes, and were to take a hand in helping to increase the efficiency of the classes by giving financial help and practical suggestions, the success of the technical schools would be assured. During the year the Government made a grant of £1,000 for the Temuka Technical School building, and it is expected to be ready for use in a few weeks. A grant of £200 was also made for enlarging the building for plumbing and woodwork in Timaru.

BUILDINGS.—The receipts for buildings during the year were: Ordinary grant, £1,073 5s. 2d.; special grants, £1,254 19s. 9d.; subsidies from School Committees, £54 5s.; interest, £20; balance from previous year, £2,703 8s. 7d.: total, £5,105 18s. 5d. The total expenditure was £3,748 1s. 3d., leaving a balance in hand at the end of the year of £1,357 17s. 2d. Besides the ordinary works of painting and repairing buildings, the more important new works undertaken during the year were new schools at Gray's Corner, Rosewill, and Tycho, a new residence at Chamberlain, additional rooms at Waimate, Timaru South, and Glenavy, a technical and high school combined at Temuka, and a gymnasium at Waimate.

FINANCIAL.—The financial position has slightly improved during the year, and, taking advantage of this, the Board decided to increase the amount of incidental grants to the Committees of small schools to the extent of over £100 annually.

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W. B. HOWELL, Chairman.

The Right Hon. the Minister of Education, Wellington.

GENERAL STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for the Year ending 31st December, 1905.

Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year	4,554	7 3	Staff salaries and clerical assistance	1,211	15 3
Grants from Government for—			Office contingencies	366	5 11
Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers	13,658	9 0	Teachers' and pupil-teachers' salaries, and allowances to pupil-teachers	17,127	10 2
Reserves revenue for primary education	3,392	9 5	Relieving-teachers' salaries	51	1 1
Capitation at 11s. 3d., and grant of £250	2,775	15 0	Conveyance of school-children	113	8 4
Capitation at 6d. for relieving-teachers	112	5 3	Incidental expenses of schools	1,076	14 6
Conveyance of school-children	113	8 4	Teachers' share of rents	27	6 10
Special grant for School Committees	167	11 9	Capitation, 9d.	167	11 9
Receipts from other sources—			Scholarships and expenses of examination	351	15 1
Truancy fines	3	13 0	Salaries of staffs of district high schools	1,063	5 0
Interest	15	0 0	Manual and technical instruction—		
Rents	94	16 0	School classes	601	10 2
Grants from Government for—			Special classes	112	3 7
Scholarships	354	18 9	Managers of associated classes	921	17 7
District high schools	947	0 0	Other expenses—		
Receipts from other sources—			School classes	46	7 1
Rents	20	0 0	Special classes	10	0 0
Waimate High School Board subsidy	30	0 0	Maintenance of school buildings—		
Grants from Government for manual and technical instruction—			Repairs, repainting, &c.	1,275	5 10
Capitation (general and scholarship)	1,119	13 3	Rebuilding	226	2 9
Instruction of teachers	125	0 0	Rent	4	1 0
Subsidies on voluntary contributions and bequests	147	17 6	Alterations and small additions	170	12 2
Receipts from other sources—			House allowances	292	1 10
Cookery fees	19	9 6	New schools, additions, furniture, sites, &c.	1,349	14 2
Contributions from technical associations to salary of cookery teacher	61	0 0	Buildings, class-rooms, furniture, &c., for manual and technical purposes—		
Grants from Government for—			Managers of associated classes	369	7 6
Maintenance of buildings, rebuilding, &c.	1,073	5 2	Other expenses—		
House allowances	297	18 6	Expenditure out of proceeds of sale of Waimate site	722	5 4
New schools, additions, furniture, &c.	1,254	19 8	Balance at end of year	3,174	6 11
Technical-school buildings, fittings, &c. (associated classes)	369	7 6			
Other receipts—					
Subsidies from School Committees	54	5 0			
Interest, Building Account	20	0 0			
	£30,832	9 10		£30,832	9 10

WM. B. HOWELL, Chairman.
A. BELL, Secretary.

26th February, 1906.