

has really been very satisfactory. With the advent of the new school this class should make a considerable advance in numbers and interest, as a good many youths attend the Wellington school at considerable inconvenience, who would remain in Petone were the conditions more favourable. Mr. Frederick W. Clayton, the teacher of the art class, reports that the class for drawing was not so well attended as on the previous year. The class for painting showed an increase of pupils considerably above previous years. He considers the work done in both branches very satisfactory, but want of room and proper lighting very much hamper the art class.

Mr. S. G. Walsh reports in regard to the class for electricity and magnetism that the students have made fair progress and are attentive and diligent in their work. This class ought to attract a larger number of pupils, and will likely do so when properly housed in our new school building. The shed used for the plumbing class has also to serve for this class, and the teacher complains that under present conditions it is well-nigh impossible to give satisfactory demonstrations in the class. Miss Kate Stewart, dress-making and -cutting class, reports that fewer pupils attended her class last year, but that all those attending made good progress during the year. The Managers feel the necessity for the appointment of a Director to take the oversight and responsibility of all the classes. This must be done before we go into our new building.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1907.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year	176	15 3	Salaries of instructors	316	6 0
Capitation on associated classes	66	6 9	Office expenses (including salaries, &c.) ..	11	2 10
Capitation on free places	53	5 0	Advertising and printing	8	10 0
Apparatus	15	0 0	Lighting and heating	17	12 4
Material	8	14 8	Insurance and repairs	2	14 8
Rent	40	13 0	Rent	39	4 0
Fees	134	0 2	Material for class use	53	16 5
Voluntary contributions	71	3 9	Caretaker's salary	12	14 0
From Petone School Committee for gas used	7	10 0	Bank commission and cheque-books ..	0	16 0
			Cartage	1	12 0
			Fees refunded to free-place pupils ..	27	3 0
			Furniture	4	16 0
			Sundries	0	10 4
			Balance at end of year	76	11 0
	<u>£573</u>	<u>8 7</u>		<u>£573</u>	<u>8 7</u>

ALEXANDER THOMSON, Chairman }
J. G. CASTLE, Hon. Secretary } of Managers.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE MANAGERS OF THE PAHIATUA TECHNICAL CLASSES ASSOCIATION.

Miss Johnston conducted a class in dressmaking for adults for the quarter ending December. Fifteen attended. Mr. Irving carried on a class for school-children in brush drawing and design.

J. THOMAS, Secretary.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1907, in respect of Associated Classes conducted by the Pahiatus Technical Classes Association.

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year	35	10 6	Salaries of instructors	47	7 6
Capitation on associated classes	27	0 9	Advertising and printing	2	2 0
Fees	7	10 0	Balance at end of year	49	8 6
Voluntary contributions	21	0 0			
Capitation, associated classes, paid in advance by the Wellington Education Board ..	7	16 9			
	<u>£98</u>	<u>18 0</u>		<u>£98</u>	<u>18 0</u>

J. D. WILSON, Chairman }
J. THOMAS, Secretary } of Managers.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE MANAGERS OF THE MASTERTON TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

The work of the school was commenced on Monday, the 11th March, and during the year classes were established in the following subjects: Drawing from life, building-construction, general drawing, light and shade, painting, dressmaking, woodworking, wood-carving, plumbers' work, commercial subjects, English and arithmetic, Civil Service subjects, and Pitman's shorthand. In all there were thirteen classes, and the work was spread over a period of thirty-six weeks, comprising three terms of twelve weeks each. The average number of pupils on the rolls of the respective classes was 239, and the average attendance 156. This, although not quite so good as last year's record, when the figures were 238 and 167 respectively, may yet be regarded as satisfactory.

In their report last year the Managers stated that no less than forty-seven free pupils were admitted to the classes, and that consequently the accommodation was taxed to the uttermost. During the past year this number increased to forty-nine, and of this number no fewer than forty-four succeeded in complying with the regulations in respect to the attendance of holders of free places—a result gratifying to Managers and instructors alike. Of the five who failed to comply with the regulations as laid down by the Department, one failed owing to illness, two owing to