number of pupils taking woodwork and cookery has greatly increased. A new centre for cookery was established at Pleasant Point, although the work had to be carried out under great difficulties. To cope with increased work Miss A. D. Rennie, from Christchurch, was appointed an extra cookery instructor, and she has proved a very capable addition to the staff. The schools now receiving the benefits of woodwork and cookery lessons are Timaru Main, Timaru South, Waimataitai, Temuka, Pleasant Point (cookery only), Kingsdown, Makikihi, St. Andrew's, Winchester, and Orari. The pupils from the last four schools travel backwards and forwards from their different schools by train to receive instruction, and so popular have these classes become that it is a rare thing to find a pupil absent when his or her particular class is being held. The average attendance for woodwork throughout the year was 265, and for cookery 350. Thus a large proportion of the boys and girls in this district will leave school to start the battle of life equipped not merely with book-learning, but also impressed with the dignity of manual work and household occupations. Mr. E. C. Isaac, Technical Inspector, visited this district in October last. He inspected the manual work done at Waimate, Timaru, Pleasant Point, and Winchester. His reports on the teachers and the quality of the work done are highly commendatory. On the recommendation of the Teachers' Institute, Saturday classes for teachers were conducted in blackboard drawing, brush drawing, and physiography. Mr. James Balfour, art designer, conducted the drawing classes, and Mr. W. Wilson, B.Sc., conducted the physiography class. The work done in connection with this class was highly practical, excursions being made to all the interesting spots from a geological point of view in the district. Both instructors were very popular with the teachers, and the course of twenty-four lessons was well attended up to the last. No doubt the work done proved of great value to the teachers in carrying out their ordinary school-work. In conclusion, the school classes and special classes carried on by the Board in this district are on a sound basis. The statement of assets and liabilities shows that the classes are self-supporting, and while there is no stint in the supply of material and apparatus, still there is no waste. The teachers are all enthusiastic over the work, and ready to adopt the latest approved methods. In my last report I advocated the use of a room, and I still think that a room is absolutely necessary both for storing material and for exhibiting specimen work, thus enabling teachers to proceed on up-to-date lines.

RICHINGS GRANT, Director.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure in respect of School, Special, and Associated Classes for the Year ending 31st December, 1907.

Receipts.	£	s.	d.
Balance, 1906	24	9	2
Grants from Government,—			
Capitation—			
School classes	453	12	2
Associated classes—			
Timaru	162	15	10
Temuka	137	11	9
Waimate	67	2	3
Pleasant Point	51	11	7
Special, teachers' classes	22	6	7
Material for class work—			
Associated classes—			
Timaru	36	12	0
Temuka	39	17	6
Pleasant Point	6	12	4
Subsidies on voluntary contributions—			
School classes—			
Winchester	8	3	6
St. Andrew's	4	0	0
Associated classes—			
Timaru	173	10	0
Temuka	121	14	0
Waimate	43	18	6
Pleasant Point	16	10	6
Special grant for training of teachers	150	0	0
Buildings, furniture, fittings, and apparatus—			
School classes	107	15	8
Associated classes—			
Timaru	112	3	6
Temuka	7	15	2
Pleasant Point	5	0	0
Receipts from other sources—			
Voluntary contributions—			
School classes	12	3	6
Cookery sales	12	7	0
Waimate contribution towards cost of linoleum	5	0	0
Balance	35	18	4
	£1,818	10	10

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
School classes—			
Maintenance and salaries	532	4	11
Furniture, fittings, and apparatus	85	15	3
Special classes—			
Maintenance and salaries	104	7	5
Furniture, fittings, and apparatus	4	5	2
Associated classes—Payments to Managers—			
Buildings, &c.—			
Timaru	112	3	6
Temuka	7	15	2
Pleasant Point	5	0	0
Capitation, grants, &c.—			
Timaru	372	17	10
Temuka	299	3	3
Waimate	111	0	9
Pleasant Point	74	14	5
Office salaries	109	3	2
	£1,818	10	10

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE TIMARU TECHNICAL CLASSES ASSOCIATION.

During the year nineteen classes were conducted by sixteen different teachers. The following list gives the classes, and the numbers enrolled in each class: Arithmetic, 63; English, 57; shorthand (junior) 26, (senior) 7; typewriting, 28; book-keeping (junior) 30, (senior) 7; cookery, 36; woodwork, 9; building-construction, 22; electricity, 22; drawing, 18; wood-carving, 19; dressmaking, 29; plumbing, 25; designing, 15; commercial law, 8; engineering, 13; painting,