

greatly to be regretted that Mr. Jackson, at the expiration of his three-years engagement with the Board, for family reasons felt himself compelled to return to Canada. The value of the work that he has done in Auckland cannot be overestimated.

*Continuation and Technical Classes in Country Centres.*—During the year continuation and technical classes were held at Thames, Whangarei, and Waihi. Various other centres were also visited by itinerant instructors in dressmaking and millinery respectively.

Thames: The following classes were held at the Manual-training School, and at the Kauaeranga Public School: Commercial arithmetic, commercial English, commercial correspondence and *précis*-writing, commercial geography, shorthand, typewriting, book-keeping, household cookery, millinery, dressmaking, practical mathematics, trade drawing, practical geometry, machine construction and drawing, carpentry and joinery, plumbing. The number of individual students in attendance was seventy-six, and the number of class entries was 243. Amongst the most successful work done was that of the dressmaking classes. The number of papers worked at Thames at the examinations held in November was ninety-seven, and the number of successes recorded was seventy-eight. The local superintendent, Mr. W. H. P. Marsdon, was as zealous as ever in the discharge of his duties.

Whangarei: At Whangarei the following classes were conducted: Commercial English, commercial arithmetic, French, German, book-keeping, practical mathematics, practical geometry, scale drawing, drawing for carpenters, trade drawing, carpentry and joinery, preliminary woodwork, drawing and painting, brushwork. The number of individual students in attendance was 104, and the number of class entries 173. At the end of the session thirty-eight students entered for the examinations, and twenty-two passed. The local superintendent and woodwork instructor, Mr. David Grant, resigned his position at the end of the year to return to England. During the three years and a half he was in Whangarei Mr. Grant did excellent service, and Whangarei has suffered a distinct loss by his leaving.

Waihi: During the year the following classes were inaugurated at Waihi: Commercial English, commercial arithmetic, book-keeping, practical mathematics, woodwork, trade drawing, practical geometry. These were conducted at the Waihi Central School and in a rented building. The number of individual students attending the classes was eighty-seven, and the number of class entries was 238. The work suffered a considerable set-back soon after the opening of the classes by the illness of the local superintendent, Mr. S. H. Macky. During his absence from duties Mr. J. W. Smith, however, rendered valuable assistance. The people of Waihi voted a sum of £500 out of the rates towards the cost of erection of a technical and manual-training school for Waihi. This, with subsidy thereon and a grant from the Government, should provide a suitable building to meet the local requirements.

At Pukekohe, Cambridge, Te Aroha, and Waihi classes in dressmaking, and at Buckland, Ngaruahia, and Hamilton classes in millinery were conducted, as in the previous session. The Dressmaking classes at Cambridge were attended by no less than forty pupils, which is a remarkable number, considering the size of the place, and reflects great credit upon the local School Committee, who used every effort to make the classes known.

#### *Auckland Technical College.*

The day technical classes for boys and girls who have passed through the primary schools continued to be as popular as ever, the number of individual students in attendance having increased from 133 to 186. A domestic science or "home-makers" course for girls was inaugurated, and this proved an unqualified success. The woodwork class for boys of the Jubilee Institute for the Blind was attended by eleven students, and excellent work was done. As in previous years, evening classes were carried on in temporary buildings. Considering the unsuitability of most of these buildings for technical work, it is astonishing that students attend in such large numbers. It is with a feeling of profound relief that I am at last able to state that a tender for a portion of the new Technical College has at last been accepted, and that within eighteen months the work will probably have been completed. The total number of individual students in attendance at the College last session was 1,086.

Considerable success was obtained by the students of the College at the examinations of the City and Guilds of London Institute, and of the English Board of Education, London, held in June and July last. The continuation classes held at the Normal School, Wellesley Street, to enable students who have left the primary school without passing the Sixth Standard to attend and improve their general education and pass this standard, so that they may become eligible for admission to the Technical College, were attended by no less than sixty-three pupils. At the end of the year forty-one of these went up for examination for certificates of proficiency, and, of these, twelve obtained certificates of proficiency, and five certificates of competency.

GEORGE GEORGE, F.I.C., F.C.S., Director.

#### *Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1908, in respect of Special Classes conducted at the Auckland Technical College.*

<i>Receipts.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at beginning of year ..	17,387	3 9	Salaries of instructors ..	3,447	3 2
Capitation on special classes ..	2,736	4 2	Office expenses (including salaries, stationery, &c.) ..	151	15 7
Capitation on account of free places ..	1,887	6 3	Advertising and printing ..	168	4 10
Rent ..	200	0 0	Lighting and heating ..	116	6 2
Furniture, fittings, apparatus ..	172	1 2	Insurance and repairs ..	21	5 6
Material ..	119	17 7	Rent ..	434	17 8
Subsidies on voluntary contributions ..	228	18 6	Material for class use ..	321	18 1
Fees ..	687	13 6	Contracts (new buildings, additions, &c.) ..	1,350	0 0
Voluntary contributions ..	150	0 0	Furniture, fittings, and apparatus ..	574	15 0
Government grant for training of teachers ..	500	0 0	Balance ..	18,120	3 10
Rents from site ..	17	9 6			
Interest on fixed deposits ..	619	15 5			
	<u>£24,706</u>	<u>9 10</u>		<u>£24,706</u>	<u>9 10</u>

R. CROWE, Secretary.