

attained. The Day Technical School has been well attended during the year, and is proving itself an admirable nursery for the preliminary training of trade and commercial beginners, who naturally become our most regular evening students.

The total number of those who joined classes in 1910 is somewhat larger than in previous years, and the tendency, which I noted last year, for students to take grouped courses is, I am glad to say, more marked this year than before. The numbers attending were larger than we could reasonably make room for, but every effort was made to arrange a place for every student applying. The average attendance is improving year by year, and is now fairly satisfactory, though I still have complaints from instructors that students are often unable to attend regularly through pressure of work at office or in workshops. I have again to draw attention to the fact that evening-class work is often unsuitable for children under fifteen years of age who are at work in the daytime, especially for those who live at some distance from the school. The behaviour of almost all the students has been very satisfactory, and many have shown considerable enthusiasm in pursuit of their studies.

The number of individual students in attendance during the year was 1,346, of whom 858 were males. The number of students holding free places or scholarships was 591.

*Art Classes.*—The art-work done has been, on the whole, of a higher standard than in previous years. In the commercial and domestic-economy classes the art-work has been carefully correlated with the ordinary work of the classes, with, I think, satisfactory results. In the more advanced day art classes considerable attention has been paid to applied art-work and its connection with pure-art training, the study of design in connection with crafts practised by the student being a prominent feature of the class-work. The classes in life drawing, painting and modelling, and in anatomy, and in drawing and modelling from animals, birds, &c., and in outdoor sketching, have been very successful. Due regard has also been given to modelling and modelling-design. In the elementary subjects large classes have been handled with considerable success, as the results at the annual exhibition of work showed. The art classes as a whole are in a very strong position.

*Science and Mathematics.*—The classes have been attended largely by students reading for Matriculation and Civil Service Examinations, but also, especially in electricity and magnetism and in practical mathematics and mechanics, by apprentices in the engineering and building trades. Many of the students did well, both in external examinations and also in the school class examinations.

*Engineering Department.*—The classes in machine-construction, in workshop practice, in steam, and in electrical work have been well attended, and good work on the whole has been done. In the steam class the work has been mainly special training of apprentices and improvers for the third marine examination, most of our apprentices going to sea after completing their time. In preparation for this examination the instructor has been highly successful, and the classes have been well attended and earnest in their work. In the electrical classes, students have been prepared for both the local license examinations and the City and Guilds of London examinations, with some success.

*Building Trades.*—The classes in these trades have been smaller than usual, owing to the slackness in the trade in Wellington during the year. The building-construction class did good work, and was very successful in the Board of Education, London, examinations, 80 per cent. of the students sent up for examination being successful.

*Commercial Classes.*—The demand for evening instruction in commercial subjects remains unabated. A good feature of the work is that most of the students now take a grouped course. The accountancy class did specially good work, and deserves special mention, as in previous years. Students were very successful in Civil Service and in accountants' examinations.

*Continuation Classes.*—The classes in English, Latin, and arithmetic were well attended, largely by holders of Junior Free Places, but also by others preparing for Matriculation and Senior Civil Service Examinations. It was difficult to find suitable accommodation for all these classes. The work done, considering the conditions governing the classes, was satisfactory.

*Domestic-economy Classes.*—These classes have improved considerably in numbers, and would repay further development as soon as accommodation is available.

*Wool-classing and Veterinary Science.*—Classes in these subjects were begun during the year in a large room rented for the purpose. Wool-classing proved a popular subject, over fifty students enrolling in the first classes started. These classes promise to become a large permanent feature of the work, and will, I trust, pave the way for the inclusion in our syllabus of other subjects relating to the primary industries of the country.

*Day Technical School.*—The work done during the year was of much the same character as in previous years. Results generally were satisfactory. Special day classes were held during four months for boys from the training-ship "Amokura," to the satisfaction of the captain and the Marine Department.

*Examinations.*—Board of Education, South Kensington: In art subjects 10 first- and 34 second-class certificates, and in science subjects 8 first- and 5 second-class certificates were obtained. In connection with the National Competitions, one student obtained a National Competition book prize for drawing of head from life, another a similar award for an animal study from life, while a third student was commended for his drawing of the human figure from life. At the Palmerston North Show the school obtained 24 firsts, 22 seconds, 21 thirds, and 19 commended—a total of 86 awards from 202 entries in 44 classes. The school also obtained 6 prizes and 5 commended in connection with the New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts' annual competitions. In connection with the Technological Examinations of the City and Guilds of London Institute, 8 first- and 3 second-class certificates were awarded, while 27 candidates secured passes. The following successes were obtained in connection with local examinations: Plumbing—10 students passed the theory examination in the first class, and 9 in the