

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE MANAGERS OF THE PLEASANT POINT TECHNICAL CLASSES ASSOCIATION.

Not a great deal of work was done by the association during the year, mainly owing to the apathy of those for whose benefit the classes were established. Good classes were held in agriculture and dressmaking, but attempts to form classes in cookery and blacksmithing were unsuccessful owing to lack of pupils. There was considerable demand for a class in wool-sorting, but the services of a competent instructor were not available. It is hoped to secure the services of a suitable man for the coming session. The association continues to receive the generous support of local bodies. The school was extensively used during the year for school classes in agriculture, cookery, and dress-making.

J. MAZE, Chairman.

*Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1911, in respect of Associated Classes conducted by the Pleasant Point Technical Classes Association.*

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	..	52	4	7	Salaries of instructors	..	8	8	6
Capitation on associated classes	..	9	4	6	Office expenses (including salaries, stationery, &c.)	..	10	18	3
Subsidies on voluntary contributions	..	6	2	6	Advertising and printing	..	1	13	0
Fees	..	14	17	6	Lighting and heating	..	0	5	3
Voluntary contributions	..	9	17	0	Insurance and repairs	..	1	2	4
Hire of room	..	1	5	0	Caretaker	..	10	7	0
					Bank charges	..	0	10	0
					Balance at end of year	..	60	6	9
		£93	11	1			£93	11	1

J. MAZE, Chairman  
GEO. T. PALMER, Secretary } of Managers.

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

The subjects of instruction were as follows: Dressmaking (25 students), cookery (12 students), and agriculture (20 students). The number of individual students attending the classes was 75, a slight increase on the preceding year. At the beginning of the year an effort was made to conduct a class in agricultural chemistry, but eventually it was decided to carry out a course of lectures on agriculture, these lectures being given by J. Brown, B.Sc., instructor for the South Canterbury Board of Education. This class was eminently successful, the lectures being of great interest to the farmers in the district. Cookery and dressmaking were most successfully conducted by Miss Wilson and Miss Coe. During the year the association lost by death J. E. Goodwin, one of the founders of the Fairlie Technical Classes Association, and a manager who had always taken a very keen interest in technical education. Mr. T. Foden was elected to fill the vacancy thus caused. One of the most pleasing features in connection with last session was the number of students who made use of railway concessions and travelled by rail to attend the classes. The sphere of usefulness of the association has thus been greatly extended. In conclusion, the Managers have to thank the public institutions and private individuals who have so liberally supported the classes in the past, and they trust that they will still more appreciate the value of the technical education placed within their reach.

JOS. KING, Chairman.

D. McCASKILL, Secretary.

*Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1911, in respect of Associated Classes conducted by the Fairlie Technical Classes Association.*

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.	<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
Balance at beginning of year	..	45	18	9	Salaries of instructors	..	40	10	0
Capitation on associated classes	..	24	7	6	Office expenses (including salaries, stationery, &c.)	..	18	8	6
Material	..	3	5	9	Advertising and printing	..	1	3	0
Fees	..	31	4	6	Lighting and heating	..	2	13	3
Voluntary contributions	..	20	7	0	Insurance and repairs	..	1	10	0
Sales of material	..	2	17	6	Material for class use	..	6	7	10
Interest	..	2	4	1	Improvements to school	..	2	0	0
					Caretaker	..	4	8	0
					Instructors' expenses	..	6	18	0
					Furniture, fittings, and apparatus	..	9	0	0
					Balance at end of year	..	37	6	6
		£130	5	1			£130	5	1

JOSEPH KING, Chairman  
D. McCASKILL, Secretary } of Managers.

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EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE EDUCATION BOARD.

In December last there were 659 boys receiving instruction in woodwork, 658 girls in cookery, 6,797 girls in needlework, while 1,857 pupils of both sexes were attending classes in agriculture, 1,045 in physical measurements, and 13,110 in other branches of handwork. These figures show a very considerable increase over previous years. Forty-five schools participated in cookery and woodwork instruction, the total number of pupils being 42 per cent. in excess of that of the previous year. School-gardens were in operation in connection with 84 schools. The principle of central school instruction, which has been in operation in Dunedin for some years, has been extended to Oamaru, Balclutha, and Tokomairiro, and the pupils of several schools on the railway-line have been taken there for instruction in cookery and woodwork.