

EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS ON SPECIAL CLASSES AT VARIOUS COUNTRY CENTRES.

Doyleston.—The dressmaking class was conducted by Miss L. M. Rennie in the Doyleston Hall for three terms of twelve lessons each, the number on the roll being fifteen in each term, and the attendance good. Some of the pupils have attended the classes for three years. Cooking classes were conducted by Miss H. G. Rennie for two terms. The attendance had fallen off, and the instructress thought it was not advisable to go on for the third term.

The woodwork class was started towards the middle of the year with an instructor from the College (Mr. Barrett), but was not the success that was expected. The cost (£1 10s. a lesson) was, however, too great to allow of the class being continued for more than one quarter. As the pupils had work to finish it was thought advisable to carry the class on for another quarter with Mr. Pearce as instructor at 10s. per lesson. These classes, though small, were well attended, and much interest was shown on the part of the pupils and instructors, and some good work was done.

Amberley.—The attendance at the adult classes has this year been disappointing. They have now been discontinued for a time. The school classes are still doing good work, and continue to be appreciated. The thanks of the Committee are due to the Kowai County Council for a continuance of its grant in aid. During 1914 an effort will be made to revive the interest in the classes.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1913, in respect of Special Classes conducted by the North Canterbury Education Board in Christchurch and certain Country Centres.

Centre.	Receipts.								
	Cr. Balance at Beginning of Year.	Grants from Government.			Fees.	Voluntary Contributions.	On Account of Public-school Classes.	Dr. Balance at End of Year.	Totals.
		Capitation on Classes.	Equipment and Rent.	Subsidies on Voluntary Contributions.					
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Christchurch ..	..	40 7 3	..	..	42 0 0	..	..	..	82 7 3
Amberley ..	24 4 10	4 15 3	..	2 2 0	11 18 5	2 2 0	15 12 0	..	60 14 6
Leeston and Doyleston	24 10 2	36 6 9	10 7 6	..	29 2 6	..	..	..	100 6 11
Kaikoura ..	..	9 9 9	..	..	3 0 0	..	..	26 10 9	39 0 6
Totals ..	48 15 0	90 19 0	10 7 6	2 2 0	86 0 11	2 2 0	15 12 0	26 10 9	282 9 2

Centre.	Expenditure.							
	Administration.			Rent and Material.	Buildings and Equipment.	Other Expenses.	Cr. Balance at End of Year.	Totals.
	Salaries of Instructors.	Office Expenses (including Salaries, Stationery, &c.).	Advertising, Printing, Lighting, and Heating.					
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Christchurch ..	32 10 0	..	..	..	..	0 9 0	49 8 3	82 7 3
Amberley ..	38 17 0	5 9 0	0 16 3	3 10 4	..	0 19 3	11 2 8	60 14 6
Leeston and Doyleston	54 1 4	1 0 0	3 1 6	1 18 1	4 7 6	7 2 3	28 16 3	100 6 11
Kaikoura ..	39 0 6	..	..	..	..	..	..	39 0 6
Totals ..	164 8 10	6 9 0	3 17 9	5 8 5	4 7 6	8 10 6	89 7 2	282 9 2

H. C. LANE, Secretary.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHRISTCHURCH TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

Since the College first opened in 1907 hardly a year has gone by that has not been marked by some noteworthy events, but the session just completed has a record that easily surpasses that of all its predecessors. Whether we regard it from the point of view of numbers, or additions to buildings, or the extension of our work and activities, there have been striking developments in each direction. The total roll number for 1912 was 1,330, of which 343 were pupils in our day school and 987 in the evening school and special classes. During the last session our roll number reached the surprising figure of 1,475, of which 415 were pupils in our day school and 1,060 students in the evening school and special classes. I think it will be agreed that to be able to report an increase of 145 on a previous roll so large as 1,330 is a very significant fact. When three years ago our number reached 1,250 I felt that, considering what had been the experience of similar centres where technical education had been longer established, it would not have been any matter for surprise if this number proved to be our high-water mark under present conditions. These expectations have not so far been realized, and the growth of last year is surely remarkable. We recognize clearly, of course, that numbers are no sure test of the value of the work that is being done, but they show at any rate the need felt for this insti-