

Agricultural and Pastoral Association, has given a much needed fillip to this course, and, despite the severe drought of last year, excellent use was made of the ground by the pupils, under the able direction of Mr. A. V. Donnan, the agricultural instructor. The paddock was laid out in orchard, experimental plots, gardens, &c., whilst a large building was also erected, embracing lecture-room, implement-shed, workshop, &c., as well as a dairy for experimental purposes. The number of boys taking the agricultural course last year was nineteen.

The junior commercial course, which is open to boys and girls, is intended to provide a preliminary business training for boys and girls who have just completed their primary school education, and who propose, at the end of two years, to either (1) enter business, or (2) take up an advanced commercial course at the College. Last year excellent work was done by 125 girls and forty-five boys who attended this course. The demand for typists who had been through this two-years course, on the part of business firms, was greater than we could supply, and girls whom we could strongly recommend had no difficulty in obtaining good positions, whilst the boys were in great demand by managers of banks and other commercial houses. It should be noted that in order to make the curriculum as broad as possible, whilst special attention is paid to business training, it is compulsory for all girls to take cookery, laundry-work, and needlework, and for boys to take metalwork and woodwork.

The senior commercial course is intended for students of either sex who have received a sound preliminary training such as is given in our junior commercial course. The number of students who took this course last year was nineteen, consisting of sixteen girls and three boys. Excellent work was done by these students, and the majority of them, on account of their superior qualifications, obtained excellent positions.

The domestic science course for girls is designed to supplement the home training which girls usually receive, and, whilst their general education is not lost sight of, to fit them better for the duties of the home-maker. The course, therefore, aims at giving the pupil a sound foundation in the different branches of household work, such as cookery, needlework, laundry-work, &c., and at awakening her interest in the important question of sound bodies, wholesome dwellings, and real homes. The course will prove invaluable to girls, no matter what their positions in life may be, and particularly to girls who intend to become nurses, housekeepers, dressmakers, or milliners. This course I consider to be a most valuable one for girls, and it is very gratifying to find that no less than forty-nine availed themselves of it. Unfortunately, a large number of girls leave at the end of one year's course. Parents have frequently excused themselves for not allowing their daughters to continue for at least a second year, by saying that the girls have become so helpful to them at home on account of the tuition they have received at the school that they cannot possibly spare them for another year.

The science and technical course is open to boys only, and is intended specially for boys who propose to take up a trade or profession. It is not expected that all those who take this course will become mechanics. It is confidently believed, however, that those who do, and who work hard, will be good ones. But those boys who do not enter mechanical pursuits will be well repaid for the time spent in the workshops. The exercises contribute to general intelligence, and are almost equally useful to all classes, especially to those who are in any way connected with practical pursuits. Even the lawyer, the doctor, and the tradesmen find that it is becoming more and more impossible to disassociate their business from those that require frequent exercises of mechanical judgment. The number of boys who took this course last year was 120.

The mechanical and electrical engineering course is intended for boys who have already completed two years in the science and technological course, and have definitely decided to take up engineering as a profession. Unfortunately, on account of the time spent in this course not counting as part of a boy's apprenticeship in the engineering trade under the Arbitration Court awards, the number availing themselves of this course is comparatively small, and even those who do take it up as a rule attend for one year only, as they still have the full six years' apprenticeship to serve after leaving school. The number in attendance at this course last year was twenty.

On the whole, the work done in the day technical school last year compares more than favourably with that of any previous year. This I attribute largely to the admirable staff whose services I was able to command, and which last session was very much strengthened by the inclusion of Dr. O'Shanassy (chief instructor of mathematics), and Messrs. A. V. Donnan (agricultural instructor), and R. McLaren (second English master). When war broke out, our French and German master, Mr. G. Galitzenstein, who was a French reservist, was called to the front, and later we learned with deep regret that he had died of typhoid contracted in the trenches.

*Evening and Special Day Classes.*—The new College building in Wellesley Street, as in the previous year, proved quite inadequate to accommodate all the students attending evening classes, and it was necessary to conduct a number of classes in the following external buildings: Normal School, Wellesley Street East; the carpenters' workshop, St. Paul's Street; and the old technical school building in Rutland Street. The classes held in the Normal School were those which did not require special equipment other than that provided in the ordinary class-room, and embraced such subjects as English, arithmetic, mathematics, Latin, history, geography, commercial correspondence, &c. All classes in carpentry and joinery and in cabinetmaking were conducted in the St. Paul's Street workshop, whilst classes in trade drawing, painting and decorating, &c., were held in Rutland Street. The number of individual students in attendance last year at the evening and special classes was 1,620, which, together with the 397 pupils of the day technical school, made a total of 2,017, an increase of 390 over the previous year. It is greatly to be regretted that funds are not available for providing the very necessary additions to the new College building. It is estimated that £30,000 is required to make the College complete, and thus enable all classes which are now taken in other buildings to be housed in the College. With the object of raising £15,000 which, together with the pound-for-pound Government subsidy, would