

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1914, in respect of Special Classes conducted by the North Canterbury Education Board in Christchurch and certain Country Centres.

Centre.	Receipts.						Totals.
	Credit Balance at Beginning of Year.	Capitation on Classes.	Fees.	On Account of Public- school Classes.	Dr. Balance at End of Year.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Christchurch	49 8 3	27 0 0	38 10 0	..	..	114 18 3
Darfield .. .. .	..	..	28 0 0	..	..	28 0 0
Dunsandel .. .. .	..	..	..	..	17 16 0	17 16 0
Kaikoura .. .. .	..	9 9 0	17 9 6	..	28 12 9	55 11 3
Leeston and Doyleston	28 16 3	24 8 0	19 2 0	8 10 6	..	80 16 9	
Southbridge	46 2 0	6 18 0	10 5 0	3 11 6	..	66 16 6	
Totals	124 6 6	67 15 0	113 6 6	12 2 0	46 8 9	363 18 9	

Centre.	Expenditure.					Totals.
	Dr. Balance at Beginning of Year.	Administration.		Rent and Material.	Cr. Balance at End of Year.	
	£ s. d.	Salaries of Instructors.	Office Expenses, Advertising, Printing, &c.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Christchurch .. .. .	..	50 10 0	..	..	64 8 3	114 18 3
Darfield .. .. .	..	9 0 0	..	..	19 0 0	28 0 0
Dunsandel .. .. .	..	17 16 0	..	..	..	17 16 0
Kaikoura	26 10 9	29 0 6	..	..	..	55 11 3
Leeston and Doyleston .. .. .	..	50 8 8	8 12 7	9 1 3	12 14 3	80 16 9
Southbridge .. .. .	..	25 11 0	1 19 6	5 14 9	33 11 3	66 16 6
Totals	26 10 9	182 6 2	10 12 1	14 16 0	129 12 9	363 18 9

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

The number admitted into all departments of the College was 1,709, as compared with 1,478 in 1913, an increase of 231, or 16 per cent., as against an increase of 11 per cent. during 1913. The evening school is responsible for the whole of the increase. Last year the day school admitted 416 pupils, this year 414, distributed as follows: Commercial, 155; industrial, 113; domestic science, 107; agricultural, 39. While the numbers taking the commercial and the agricultural courses were the same as last year, there was an increase of eight taking the industrial course, and a decrease of ten taking the domestic-science course, the only important difference between the two rolls being that in 1913 there were 245 first-year pupils, as against 215 this year. The average attendance for the first term was 92 per cent., as against 91 per cent. last year; and for the third term 83 per cent., as against 82 per cent. The keeping-up of the numbers is the more gratifying when it is remembered that the war is causing extra demands to be made in every household, and parents are finding it increasingly difficult to keep at school children who might be at work earning money.

The Girls' Training Hostel has now completed its first clear year, and, as was anticipated, under the able direction of Mrs. Gard'ner, has more than justified its existence. It had its full complement of fifteen permanent boarders, including six holders of domestic science scholarships given by the Board of Managers, while over a hundred girls from the day school went through a two-months course of training in home management at the hostel.

Staff Changes.—There have not been many changes in the day-school staff this year, and this has conduced largely to the smooth running of the school. I regret to say that Miss Hood-Williams, instructress in shorthand and typewriting, who had leave of absence for the greater part of 1913 and resumed duties at the beginning of the year, was compelled to send in her resignation on account of ill health. In her the Managers lost a faithful servant and the staff a kindly colleague. The college is also to lose the services of Miss Maxwell, who has been appointed instructor in dressmaking and millinery at the Ashburton Technical School, and will be much missed by both pupils and staff. Miss Robertson joined us at the beginning of the year as a teacher of general subjects; Miss Digby was appointed to fill Miss Hood-Williams's position; and Miss Carter, who had been taking part-time work in shorthand and typewriting during the first half of the year, was appointed as assistant to Miss Digby. We hope that the connection of these teachers with us will be long and pleasant.

Games.—During the year our sports activities have not been so confined in regard to grounds as in previous years. The winter games were played in three grounds—football at Lancaster Park, hockey at Sydenham Park, and association football at the sports-grounds in