

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE CONTROLLING AUTHORITY OF THE RANGIORA TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

The work done by the pupils at the Technical School has been of a very satisfactory nature. Pupils have attended from the public schools at Rangiora, Fernside, Southbrook, Swannanoa, and Loburn. The aim of the Board of Governors has been to encourage pupils from the outlying schools to attend the classes. As the difficulty of attending for one hour a week is a very patent one for schools some distance from Rangiora, it would undoubtedly be a good plan for classes to be so arranged that the pupils could attend for two or three hours fortnightly instead of half the time once a week. This would allow teachers to send their pupils for a whole afternoon without having to sacrifice any of their ordinary school-time as at present. Under such arrangements a scheme for the conveyance of pupils from such schools could be formulated so as to reduce the cost to a minimum.

The numbers attending the various classes are as follows: Public-school classes—Woodwork, 69; cookery, 78; high-school classes—woodwork, 12; dressmaking, 22; wool-classing, 35; technical classes—woodwork, 13; cookery, 3; dressmaking, 94; wool-classing, 8. The students attending the technical classes have done good work, while the popularity of the dressmaking classes is evidenced by all the three classes having a maximum roll, there being others also anxious to join. As elementary agriculture is now a compulsory subject for all pupils attending the Rangiora High School, wool-classing is compulsory for all the boys. Some of the senior technical pupils have obtained good positions in the surrounding district. At the close of the school year the pupils of the cookery classes and of the woodwork classes held a display. Members of the Board, parents, and friends were exceedingly pleased with the work done. Officials from the Department and others have inspected the school, and have commented favourably on the progress made.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1914, in respect of Classes conducted at the Rangiora Technical School by the Board of Governors, Rangiora High School.

Receipts.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Capitation on classes	51	7 3	Dr. balance at beginning of year ..	33	14 9
Subsidies on voluntary contributions ..	10	0 0	Salaries of teaching staff ..	61	0 6
Fees and other class payments ..	69	13 3	Material for class use ..	7	12 6
Sales of material	4	8 5	Caretaker	5	0 0
Voluntary contributions	17	10 0	Lighting and heating	2	3 6
			Office expenses (including salaries) ..	5	13 4
			Advertising and printing	0	13 9
			Sundries	1	19 3
			Cr. balance at end of year ..	35	1 4
	<u>£152</u>	<u>18 11</u>		<u>£152</u>	<u>18 11</u>

E. R. GOOD, Treasurer.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF CANTERBURY COLLEGE.

School of Engineering.—It is pleasing to be able to note that there is a decided increase in the number of students who are studying for the degree course in engineering, due probably to the fact that it has been possible to shorten the course without impairing the efficiency of the instruction. The regulations made by the Public Works Department to enable their junior officers to avail themselves of the advantages and training at the School of Engineering have been such that five entered upon their associate course. These regulations allow those attending to receive half-pay during the session, but compel them to take up their ordinary work for the Department during the vacation. Four of these sat for and were successful in their associate course. Of other students in the school, two sat for their associateship, and one of them obtained the highest marks in the Empire, and was therefore awarded the Bayliss Prize. It is a matter of congratulation that there is this fresh evidence of the soundness and thoroughness of the instruction given at the School of Engineering, especially at a time when attempts have been made somewhat to underestimate the value of the education that is given here. For the degree examinations two were successful in the final examination for the Bachelor of Engineering (civil), and one in that of Bachelor of Engineering (mechanical), while of the others who sat, four and seven respectively passed the earlier stages of their professional examination in their first and second years respectively. At the last January meeting of the Senate the question of shortening the period of residence for engineering students at Canterbury College, so far as affecting students from Auckland, was discussed, and it was decided that no alteration was possible or needed. The principle is thus affirmed that for such an important professional education it is necessary that students should spend the whole of the time at the recognized schools. In order to avoid any of the disabilities that were brought forward in support of a change, it would be a wise thing if more scholarships in engineering were offered, so that the cost of the education of the best students offering might be reduced. It is pleasing to note that many of the old students have been successful during the year in obtaining important positions in New Zealand and Australia. During the second term and during the vacation twenty-three of the students enlisted in the Expeditionary Forces, so that the year opens with a smaller number of students than usual.