

The science and technological course, which is designed for boys intending to take up a trade or profession, was attended by 118 pupils, as against 120 in the previous year, the work done being well up to the average of previous years.

The number in attendance at the engineering course last year was seventeen, a decrease of three. Students attending this course have previously put in two years at the College in the science and technological course, and are preparing to take up civil, mechanical, or electrical engineering as a profession. With the view of entering one of the engineering branches of the Public Service two students passed the Public Service Senior Examination, whilst another student passed in two subjects. On the whole the work done in the Technical High School during the year was very satisfactory, and the tone of the school was excellent. In addition to the successes in external examinations mentioned above, ten students passed the Public Service Entrance Examination, three the Intermediate Examination (non-competitive), and ninety-five were awarded senior free places by the Education Department, whilst two students obtained partial passes in the Matriculation Examination of the University of New Zealand, and fourteen successes were obtained in the examinations of the City and Guilds of London Institute, and two in the examinations of the Board of Education, South Kensington, London.

Shortly after the commencement of the session a brass band in connection with the Senior Cadets was inaugurated, and excellent progress was made under the direction of Bandmaster Lieutenant F. E. Mason (a member of the College staff). With the growth of the Technical High School lack of accommodation in the College is each year more and more felt, particularly in the matter of an assembly-hall, gymnasium, dining-room, and library.

Evening and Special Day Classes.—The war had a considerable influence upon the attendance of students at these classes last year, the number having decreased from 1,620 to 1,451. This was due largely to the non-attendance of the male students between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five years who were away on military service. Since the war has broken out between four and five hundred past and present students of the College have joined the colours. In addition to the trade classes there continued to be an increased demand for instruction to enable students to pass the various public examinations, such as Matriculation, Public Service Entrance, Public Service Senior, Pharmacy, Teachers' C and D, &c. In the external examinations the record of the evening students was quite up to that of previous years. Fifty-five students passed the various examinations of the City and Guilds of London Institute, and thirteen the examinations of the Board of Education, South Kensington, London; in the Public Service Senior Examinations two students passed in five or more subjects, two in four subjects, five in three subjects, and five in two subjects, whilst three passed the Public Service Entrance Examination; eight students were successful in the Matriculation Examination of the University of New Zealand, and in the examinations of the Pharmacy Board five passed the A examination and two the B examination; six students passed the Intermediate Examination of the Education Department, and sixty-four obtained senior free places; two students completed the teachers' C examination, whilst three passed in five subjects, three in four subjects, eight in three subjects, and twelve in two subjects; twenty-four students were successful in passing the teachers' D examination.

From the number of students who availed themselves of the continuation classes to enable them to pass the Sixth Standard it would seem that there are still a large number of pupils leaving the public schools without this qualification. Last year there were 121 students in attendance at these classes, of which seventy-nine sat for examination: of these, forty-five obtained certificates of proficiency and three certificates of competency.

As in past years, the teachers of the Auckland Training College received instruction from the staff of the Technical College in the following subjects: Agriculture, art, domestic science, and manual training (woodwork).

The completion of the College by the addition of two more stories is urgently required, and, whilst the Technical High School is considerably cramped for lack of room, it would be quite impossible to carry on the evening classes were it not for the use of other external buildings—viz., the old Technical School building, Rutland Street; the Normal School, Wellesley Street; and the carpenters' shop, St. Paul's Street. It is to be hoped that as soon as the finances of the country will permit the Government will find the necessary money to complete the College. In conclusion, I wish to place on record my deep appreciation of the energetic and enthusiastic efforts of my staff, to whom the greatest credit is due for another successful year's work in the College.

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EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE "ELAM" SCHOOL OF ART.

The new building continues to give us complete satisfaction, and were it necessary again to build a new school I do not know how the present one could be improved for our purpose. In spite of the large amount of glass used in windows on all floors of the building and the unusually hot weather, even for Auckland, experienced during December, the rooms have always been well ventilated and pleasant to work in. The attendances have been, considering the trying times, very good. In the first two terms of the year the attendance was 1,254 better than in the first two terms of 1914, and had it not been for the excitement of the Queen Carnival during the last term, when a considerable number of our adult students gave up all their work in order to help the patriotic cause, the attendance in the last term would have been much larger. As it is the total attendances of the year are about a hundred better than the total attendances of 1914, which I think, under the circumstances, may be looked upon as very satisfactory.