

## EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE PLEASANT POINT TECHNICAL SCHOOL BOARD.

Owing to the war conditions causing so much dislocation of labour in such a scattered district as Pleasant Point technical classes were practically impossible. Still, a very successful dress-making class was maintained, and late in the year a motor engineering class was established. Though the number of students at this class was not very great, a most successful term's work was completed. The local bodies support the association financially, and the outlook for next year seems most encouraging.

J. MAZE, Chairman.

ARTHUR J. WICKES, Director.

## EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE WAIMATE TECHNICAL SCHOOL BOARD.

The subjects of instruction were wool-classing, dressmaking, book-keeping, and motor engineering, the total number of students being 130. Dressmaking (fifty-one students): In all, four classes were conducted in this subject, three at Waimate and one at Morven. This subject proved very popular, and the students did excellent work throughout. Book-keeping (eleven students): The course in this subject was designed especially for farming students, and the interest displayed was a tribute to the efforts made in meeting the demand from the farming community. Wool-classing (thirty-six students): The enthusiasm of the instructor combined with his expert knowledge of his subject ensured the success of a very popular class. At the conclusion of the course certificates were awarded as follows: Nineteen first class, three second class. Motor engineering (thirty-two students): There was a noticeable falling-off in the attendance of students towards the end of the course, due doubtless to the fact that the instruction was almost entirely of a theoretical nature.

From a financial point of view the 1918 session proved perfectly satisfactory, the amount of capitation earned being £86 19s. The total receipts amounted to £276, and the expenditure to £350 18s. 10d., the balance to credit at the Bank of New Zealand being £83 18s. 2d.

J. MENZIES, Secretary.

## EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE FAIRLIE TECHNICAL SCHOOL BOARD.

During the past year patriotic and war work occupied the attention of the residents of Fairlie and the surrounding districts, and it was found impossible to form more than two adult classes. The dressmaking class was attended by ten pupils, who did useful work. The wool-classing class, with thirteen pupils, was spoken of highly by those who attended it, and by visitors. It is hoped to be able to continue these two classes, and an effort will be made to add others. The chances of success should be greater than in former years. The buildings are in first-class order and repair. The finances of the school, though not as buoyant as formerly owing to the war, are still sound, and the strictest economy is observed. The thanks of the Managers are due to the Mackenzie County Council, the Agricultural and Pastoral Association, the Farmers' Union, and other subscribers for their substantial financial aid.

CHAS. J. TALBOT, Chairman.

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

*School of Engineering.*—The year's revenue in this department of the College totalled £4,647, exceeding that of the previous year by £95. Government grants, including capitation, amounted to £2,444, and contributions from endowments £1,625. Students' fees amounted to £554, exactly the same as in the years 1916 and 1917. The total expenditure for the year was £4,363, an increase of £369 on that of the previous year. £3,205 was expended in salaries. The overdraft on the Buildings Loan Account is now £1,360.

The School of Engineering holds a high position in countries outside New Zealand, and many of our former students hold foremost positions in different parts of the world. Among other positions of note, that of president of the Australian Institute of Engineers is held by a graduate of the school.

During the war the numbers at the school fell off considerably, but now there is every sign of the institution being filled to overflowing. Such being the case, it is clear that steps will have to be taken in the near future to enlarge and extend the buildings. In an engineering school there must be continual additions to machinery and plant, otherwise the means of teaching will become out of date. Having regard to the fact that the school is a Dominion institution, it is only right that the Dominion as a whole should assist to maintain it. I have recently had an opportunity of strongly urging upon a committee of the Senate the claims of the Engineering School to a large capital grant and a greatly increased annual subsidy from the Government.

*School of Art.*—The School of Art Account showed a loss on the year's work of £561. The total receipts amounted to £2,032, the capitation grant reaching only £700, as compared with £1,890 in the previous year. Students' fees totalled £502, as compared with £488 in 1917. The contribution from the Endowment Fund was £500, an increase of £100 on that for the previous year. The expenditure reached £2,593, of which amount £2,057 was expended on salaries. A small credit balance is carried forward to the current year.

At the Art Society's exhibition held in Christchurch this year a piece of modelling executed by a pupil of this school was the centre of attraction, and it is greatly to the credit of the staff that such work can be produced from the school.

The Board has already taken steps with a view to appoint a permanent Director in the near future. Applications are to be invited in England, Australia, and New Zealand.