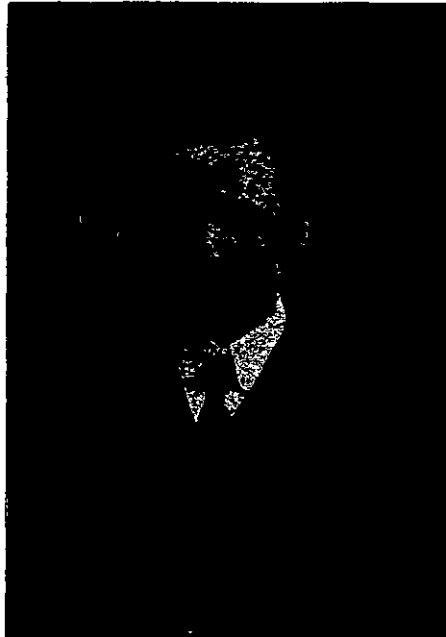




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extent lost. Even a foundation on which to build is wanting; for the knowledge gained in the primary school is forgotten, and the power of concentrating attention has never been acquired.

No one who has had the experience of the work—no one even who has considered carefully the Technical Schools' exhibits in the Exhibition—has any doubt that much is being even now accomplished. There are earnest, able students scattered through the classes who profit fully by what is being done, but they are not one-tenth of the number there should be. The words that were spoken by Sir John Gorst in this connection may be remembered:—

"In the efforts that have been made in the Old Country to promote technical instruction the great obstacle that had been met with was not want of money or buildings, nor good teachers of technical subjects, but it had been the want of preparation on the part of the young men

and young women who came to take the instruction they provided. I would like to see this, that the Colony should not attempt to run technical education by itself, but there must be a good, solid foundation, a general instruction, and general development of the intelligence and powers of the boys and girls. Until then technical institutions would not be as effective and advantageous as they might be."

The Director of the Working Men's College in Melbourne told me that they experienced the same difficulty and that they found it necessary not only to establish a technical day school, but also a preparatory lower technical day school. The director of the Technical Day School in Wellington in his last report to the Minister said: "The

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