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TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL.

Crowd Attend Speech Day.

In the Brookman Hall of the School of Mines on Tuesday last the Technical High School celebrated the annual speech day. At the request of Sir Langdon Bonython, Minister of Education, the Hon. L. L. Hill) took the chair. In addition to those gentlemen, the platform was occupied by members of the school council, the principal of the School of Mines (Mr. F. W. Reid), and the staff. The hall was crowded with students and their friends.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The head master (Mr. S. Moyle) stated—In presenting the eighth annual report upon the Technical High School, I am pleased to state that in every sphere of our school life the year just concluded has been one of prosperity and success. The school opened with an enrolment of 589 scholars, approximately 100 applicants being refused admission on account of insufficient accommodation. The average daily attendance was 470; and for several months the actual attendance reached 95 per cent. of the roll number. The staff was augmented by the appointment of C. Cannell, an old scholar of the school, and Miss Ada Hahn. Mr. Edwards was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. G. Shick, who had to resign his duties owing to ill health. The school has every reason to feel proud of the achievements of its students in the University public examinations of last year. All the pupils (numbering 70) of the leaving classes entered for the examinations, and every candidate was successful in mathematics (instructor Mr. Cannell), history and geography (Miss Epperwein), chemistry (Miss Burgess), and drawing (Mr. Tiver). There was only one failure in shorthand (Miss McBride), economics (Miss Hahn), and bookkeeping (Miss Stevens). Of the 11 candidates who qualified for the commercial certificate, six were from this school, and they secured the first, second, third, and fifth positions on the honour list of the commercial section. Leslie Jeffries and Joan Barrett (each passing in seven subjects with four credits), were awarded the John Creswell Scholarships, this being the second year in succession that those scholarships have been won by one school. In the senior division, eight of our candidates were successful in passing the certificate, and Peter Cook, who passed in seven subjects with five credits, was awarded the Angas Engineering Scholarship. Donald Tomlinson passed in seven subjects, with three credits, and the total number of credits, 19, is the highest the school has yet gained in the leaving grade. Special mention should be made of sheryl Hall, in which our pupils secured six of the six credits awarded. Of our 29 candidates, 26 were not granted the certificate in November, owing to failure in compulsory English, but they passed in that subject in the supplementary examination in February. Consequently, all the leaving grade students of last year have now obtained the certificate.

In the intermediate grades, 52 students fulfilled the necessary requirements. That presents a very creditable record, 52 intermediate certificates awarded to any one school for 1924, the number being exceeded only by 1 pupils, who, having passed in some subjects in the previous year, had now sufficient to complete the qualifications, making the total number of certificates awarded to the school 83. More than one-third of the candidates presented were successful in physics (Mr. Theel), arithmetic, mathematics, drawing (Mr. Tiver and Hahn), and bookkeeping (Miss McBride). Altogether, 46 credits were obtained, 17 being for arithmetic, 15 for mathematics, and seven for physics. The names of the successful candidates, under each subject, with the number of credits, will be found in the published list of results; it is possible to mention only individual results of outstanding merit. Jackson passed in seven subjects, with four credits; J. Elliott, seven; Ethel M. Penman, M. Stemson, each eight subjects, with three credits, and Helen Adams, seven subjects, with four credits.

Higher Training.

It gives to emphasise that three results in the school's aims at giving the necessary preparation for those who have to go after the higher courses of study in the mechanical, engineering, mining, industrial science, surveying and architecture. Provision is made for those who wish to become proficient in mechanical drawing, metal work, and work have a prominent place among the higher courses. Mechanical drawing has been added as a first year subject, and under Mr. Hall's direction good progress has been made. In the fitting and turning and woodwork departments, under Mr. Hancock, special exercises have been devised for desirous of being apprenticed to those trades. At the exhibition held in June, a medal for woodwork exhibits were won by D. Lloyd and R. Hancock, and a certificate awarded to J. G. Melbourne. The articles selected by Butler, Mr. Trewin, and Mr. Hancock were also of high standard. Both practical and practical classes have been duly recognised by the Mines Department, and by Mr. Burgess, who, in conjunction with Mr. Laughton, arranged instructive and practical excursions to the Adelaide Cement Works and the S.A. Gas Works. Geology has been taught to the standard of intermediate, and under the supervision of Miss Hahn, the results in most proficient work was conducted round Hallett's Cove. Commercial subjects continued to be a good feature, with a commercial bias, the girls taking that course also receiving instruction in cooking and domestic science—two branches of domestic science—cookery, and the hygienic, which the girls prepared for the Industrial exhibition afforded striking illustration of the excellent standard attained in these subjects. The typewriting of intermediate sections has been duly recognised by Mr. Tiver. With a view to giving effect to all divisions of our school work, 110 certificates and prizes were awarded, and 20 were awarded upon the results. This 130 students have been successful in 310 subjects, 1 of the first, second, and third, and 1 of the first, second, and fourth prizes, 1 of the first, second, and third, and 1 of the first, second, and fourth prizes, 1 of the first, second, and fourth prizes, 1 of the first, second, and fourth prizes,