

REPORTS OF ART SCHOOL BEST IN SEVERAL YEARS.

Annual Meeting Was Not Largely Attended, but Affairs are Flourishing.

Present Quarters Will be Enlarged, Library Board Agreeing to Do the Work.

Principal Neyland's Recommendations—Election of Officers and Other Items of Business.

The annual meeting of the members of the Art School was held last night, but there was no one present outside of the Governors. June is not a good month in which to hold public meetings. The reports, however, showed that everything was most encouraging, better in fact than for some years past, and greater things are looked for this year. The greatest harmony prevailed.

The following annual report of the Governors was presented by J. F. Leishman:

Your Governors respectfully beg to submit their nineteenth annual report for the school year ending June 30, 1905. A period which has been marked with very satisfactory increase in attendance, income and general interest. After many years of uncertainty and struggle to efficiently equip and maintain the school the Board has been at last successful in not only increasing the registration, but in adding considerable apparatus to its plant. The work of the faculty scarcely needs comment, for those who saw the last annual exhibition of students' work held from the 14th to the 17th of this month, but for the information of those who may not have been fortunate enough to have seen this exhibition, we wish to say that the exhibition of students' work for the past year has been considered by all who saw it as being the best in the history of the school.

Under the direction of the Principal, Mr. H. A. Neyland, the school has prospered, and the value of the original and systematic work, both on the part of the teachers and the students, was very apparent.

The development of the school during the past year has outstripped the expectations of the Board at the opening of the school last September. This development was due to the large percentage of old students who returned for further study and also from the new students who were received from the merchants and manufacturers of the city, who subscribed handsomely to pay for tuition received by pupils appointed by them. The number of scholarships granted was 71. The appointments thus made show that great care was taken in making the selection of students, for many of the students appointed received honorable mention in many of the classes. The city, as well as others, recognized the effective work which the school was doing under the present Board, and very liberally contributed towards the support of the faculty of the school for the last year as follows:

H. A. Neyland, Principal.
John S. Gordon, life and portrait drawing.
Ottillie E. Palm, antique, water color, pen and ink, etc.

W. H. Raeburn, mechanical drawing, and principles of mechanics.
W. A. Schofield, mathematics.
Julius Williams, chemistry.
Robert Wilson, electricity.
Bertha Merriman, assistant in drawing and painting.
Emma Connell, assistant in drawing and painting.
Harry Bertram, assistant in mechanical drawing.

C. E. Kelly, assistant in mathematics.
E. B. Plaston, registrar and stenographer.

\$1,219.29 has been added to the paraphernalia of the school during the year. When estimates were presented for the above outlay and also other demands, which were more necessary by the increased attendance, the Board was confronted with its financial position, and was obliged to again seek the assistance of its friends. In conformity with the unanimous opinion of the Board, the City Board of Education was asked to take over the school. During the month of March a committee was appointed to confer with the committee appointed by the Board of Education, and the advisability of taking over and operating the school under its management. A meeting was arranged for, and the position of the school clearly defined. The decision of the school was in favor of the Board of Education, and it was decided that they would not be in a position to deal with the question until the position of the Government was more clearly defined. The Board then with the assistance of the Board of Education and a strong deputation from the merchants, manufacturers and citizens of this city waited upon the Government, and were given every encouragement toward the future support of the school.

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The statement showed that the real deficit after deducting the amount spent on paraphernalia, etc., the Government grant was \$488. Mr. Leishman remarked that this was the best showing in years.

FINANCES.
The annual financial statement for the year ending June 30, 1905, was as follows:

Income—
Tuition, \$330.05, \$107.20, 662.80, \$1,099.05; tuition scholarships \$1,037.50. Total \$2,140.55
Life membership subscribed 400.00
Outstanding tuition, city and Government grants 708.58
City grant 300.00
Sundries 192.21
Graduates 75.00
Admission fee to art exhibition 7.70
Lockers' rents 50.00
Materials 264.00
Paraphernalia and materials 29.00
Rent from Hamilton Association and others 202.00
Bank of Hamilton 670.99

Expenses—
Teachers' salaries 3,506.22
Other salaries and wages 414.00
Stationery and printing 192.21
Sundries 192.21
Outstanding accounts 338.52
Model fees 133.85
Locker rents refunded 15.50
Repairs 44.68
Paraphernalia and materials 538.89
Rent 250.00
Interest on overdraft 29.15
Lighting and telephone 100.88

Statement of assets and liabilities:
Assets—
Estimated stock on hand of paraphernalia, etc. \$271.29
Government grant for the Art School for the past year 400.00
Government grant for Technical School for past year 500.00
Debentures Landed Banking & Loan Co. 1500.00
Interest on debentures, past due 60.00
Rent due by Hamilton Association 40.00
Outstanding tuition fees to June 20th 103.61
Outstanding materials to June 20th 27.61
Outstanding lockers and models fees 5.75

Liabilities—
Balance due Bank of Hamilton \$1103.19
Rent Hamilton Public Library to June 20th 145.83
Outstanding accounts 323.51
Refund of tuition 19.00
Balance 377.73

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