

THE WILLOW SHOP.

In this department everything has worked smoothly and pleasantly during the past year. Six pupils, as already stated, graduated with complete or partial outfits at the end of the late session and 21 are now working wholly or for certain hours daily in the willow shop. The Trade Instructor's report is as follows :—

To the Principal :—

SIR,—I have the honour to submit my report upon the operations of the workshop during the year ending September, 30th, 1886.

The session has been one of fair progress on the part of the pupils engaged in the workshop. Six graduated at the close of the session; one of this number received a complete outfit of tools, models and materials, having completed the full course of instruction; the others were granted partial outfits of tools, models and materials sufficient to enable them to produce such articles as they were thought competent to make. All six are now working at their own homes, and I have already received encouraging reports of their success from several of them. The behaviour of the shop pupils during the entire session has been most exemplary, their industry commendable and their contentment gratifying—these qualities being allied to cheerfulness (an excellent working quality). I am enabled to furnish the following statement, which shows the amount of reliable work made during their nine months of training.

Sales by Trade Instructor	\$674 85
Work on hand not sold	200 00
Total	\$874 85

In consequence of having so many graduates at the close of last session, the number of pupils qualified to receive vacation supplies of willow was considerably reduced, but ten pupils were, nevertheless, granted a supply of willow and the loan of a few tools and models. The following statement shows the excellent result :—

W. D. earned	\$28 00
S. W. "	37 00
F. N. "	25 00
M. N. "	25 00
T. P. "	25 00
A. S. "	6 00
F. P. "	12 00
T. E. "	15 00
J. S. "	20 00
S. L. "	28 00
S. S. "	33 00
H. S. "	10 00

Total vacation earnings..... \$264 00

On the return of the above pupils at the commencement of the present session, I was surprised to find that one of the number had, in addition to his sales, made an assortment of willow-ware for exhibition at the London Fair and had received the first prize, \$4.00. Another of our pupils (a graduate) recently wrote me that he was very busy making an assortment of work, also for exhibition, and enclosing a post-office order in payment for common baskets, which he was too busy to make himself.

Perhaps the principal feature of last session's work was the making of a large assortment of willow-ware by our pupils for the Educational Exhibit, sent to the Indo-Colonial

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