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TECHNICAL SCHOOL, LAUNCESTON:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR 1888.

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*BRIEF REPORT of the Proceedings of the Launceston Technical School
Committee in 1888.*

FIRST Committee Meeting held on the 4th April, 1888. Present—Messrs. Barrett, Gunn, Hogg, and Collins (presiding). Mr. Collins elected Chairman, Mr. A. Evershed appointed Honorary Secretary.

Public Preliminary Meeting held in Town Hall on April 23, when there was a large attendance, and 53 names given in by intending students. The meeting was addressed by Messrs. Collins, Schuetz, Hogg, and Evershed.

Through the intervention of Mr. Alderman Barrett, the temporary use of the Town Hall was obtained; and the first class assembled on April 24,—the number attending being highly satisfactory.

The Chairman had authority and procured certain furniture, black-boards, &c., and a number of plaster casts of examples of ornament were furnished. The Chairman was in frequent communication with the Honorable the Minister of Education as to the necessity for better accommodation.

At a Committee Meeting held on October 23rd, when there were present Messrs. Collins, Gunn, and Barrett, and the Honorary Secretary, the Chairman explained that he had delayed summoning the Committee in the expectation day by day and week by week that the rooms at the old Custom House would be available for the classes; and this had gone on from the formation in April till then, and apparently not the slightest advance had been made towards the desired end. The room in the Town Hall was not suitable; the light bad and expensive; all advertisements had been stopped by the Minister; the position of affairs sapped the energy that might be thrown into the work, and it was not possible for Technical Education to advance.

It was ascertained that prizes promised by the Minister could not be obtained. Various things requisitioned for were not supplied.

Mr. Collins resigned as Chairman. Mr. Hartnoll retired from the Committee.

At the close of the year the Technical School was not progressing satisfactorily.

The Committee have pleasure in saying that, with permission to engage suitable rooms, additional classes were arranged for. The Committee has been strengthened by the addition of Messrs. Clemenshaw, Scott, and Humphries. The lapsed public interest has been renewed; and the Technical School in Launceston is now, undoubtedly, doing a very important work.

PETER BARRETT, *Chairman of Committee.*