

# Principal's Summary for 1928-29

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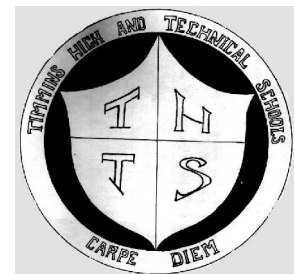
The year just passed has been one of constructive building. During the past year the Commercial classes have been organized for the first time on the lines recommended by the Department of Education. This will permit, next year, the addition of regular classes in third year science, and will make the Commercial course complete in all details. The course as now planned will be complete in itself, and will include in addition to purely Commercial subjects: English Literature and Composition, Elementary Science, History and Geography.

The board has been fortunate in securing the services of a most effective and capable teacher of English and History on the technical side. Some of the pupils in C3 will write on the English papers for matriculation and this practice will grow more popular from year to year. Miss Garrow's work in History and English has met with strong approval.

The Commercial Department under the direction of Miss Gowan and Miss McNamera is one of the most firmly established of the vocational courses and seems to be meeting a real need in the community. The Entrance requirement for this course is the High School Entrance certificate.

During the year the Department of Household Economics has made good progress and has become well established under the direction of Miss Halliday. This course is bound to grow in popularity as the advantages it offers become better known. Sewing, cooking, Home-Nursing, Home Economics, Art, Dietetics, Literature, Composition, Arithmetic, Geography, History, Science, are all involved in the course and any girl wishing to specialize in nursing is advised to take this course. It is a three years' course and the Entrance requirement is the High School Entrance certificate, though pupils of Fourth Book standing may be admitted in Pre-Vocational classes on passing a special examination in Arithmetic, Grammar, Spelling and Composition. This examination will be held about the same time as the Entrance examination.

All pupils wishing to enter the Technical School should pass the Entrance examination. It is true that the Department makes special provision for the admission of Pre-Vocational pupils Fourth Form grade, but henceforth their work will be restricted almost entirely to completion of their academic work which could be done better in the lower school. The work of the more advanced pupils of the Technical School, especially the classes in the Machine Shop, Wood-working, Electricity and mining has proven very successful during the year and makes promise of good progress in the future. The aim of these classes is to prepare pupils for administration to their skilled trades or to help them find out what vocations they are best adapted by taste and training. As the classes increase in numbers, the course will conform more fully to the outline provided by the Department of Education, and will be complete and organized as the other vocational courses. The progress made by several classes this year has been entirely satisfactory.



The spirit of earnestness, the growth of discipline, the regularity and high percentage of attendance which has been due to the increasing popularity of the school and its courses, give every promise of continued success and effectiveness.