

The total amount in the Post-Office Savings-Bank to the credit of the earning accounts of young people now under the control of industrial schools, or who formerly belonged to them was, at 31st December, 1909 ... £25,005 13 9
 Amount held on account of Government schools ... 19,354 2 10
 Amount held on account of private schools... 5,651 10 11
 Sum withdrawn during the year,—

Government schools	...	...	...	...	3,486 10 1
Private schools	...	...	...	...	689 11 5

These moneys are dealt with according to law. In practice each earner receives the amount with interest some time after the termination of the period of State control, when he produces evidence of good character, and ability to apply it wisely. In cases of relapse into evil ways forfeiture of the money may result.

INFANT-LIFE PROTECTION.

This system provides for the supervision of children who are nursed or maintained apart from their parents or guardians for fee or reward. Comprehensive information as to its administration is given in the report of the Secretary for Education (which appears in E.-4, "Special Schools for Infant-life Protection"). During the year 1,181 children were dealt with, 563 of whom were under one year old. The total number of deaths was 25, equal to 2·12 per cent.

The expenditure on account of this work during the year amounted to £981, made up as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Salaries of visiting nurses and local representatives	588	12	6
Travelling-expenses of district agents, visiting nurses, and local representatives	222	8	6
Payments to foster-parents for board of infants...	95	17	11
Legal expenses	10	19	6
Office expenses (including rent), advertising, and sundries	82	18	4
Less recoveries	18	19	8

MANUAL AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

Manual Instruction in Schools.

Instruction in various branches of elementary handwork, such as modelling, brush drawing, free-arm and blackboard drawing, paper and cardboard work, treated sometimes as separate subjects, but more often correlated with other subjects of the syllabus, as well as in the more specialized forms of handwork, such as woodwork, cookery, and elementary agriculture, was given in about 60 per cent. of the public schools during the year. Some particulars are given below :—

TABLE I.—SUBJECTS OF AND NUMBER OF CLASSES FOR MANUAL INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Subjects of Instruction.	Number of Classes.	
	1908.	1909.
Elementary handwork	2,880	3,178
Woodwork	270	281
Ironwork	...	5
Agriculture and dairy-work	498	559
Elementary science	57	47
Physical measurements	94	101
Cookery	330	339
Laundry-work	...	60
Dressmaking	72	79
Swimming and life-saving	103	136
Physiology and first aid	51	57
Totals	4,355	4,842