

The number of places at which recognized technical classes were held was	....	....	....	....	....	110
The number of recognized classes was	....	....	....	....	....	1,702
The total number of individual students was....	....	....	....	....	....	14,137
The average attendance at all classes was	....	....	....	....	....	23,070
The capitation on attendances was....	....	....	....	....	£18,497	12s. 8d.
The rate of capitation per unit of average attendance was	....	....	....	....	....	16s. 0·4d.

The classes were divided as follows :—

Classes.	Number of Centres.		Number of Classes.		Average Attendance.	
	1908.	1909.	1908.	1909.	1908.	1909.
" Special " classes	98	89	854	858	11,016	10,287
" Associated " classes	23	26	520	712	9,002	11,250
" College " classes	1	1	131	132	1,500	1,533
Totals ...	122	116	1,505	1,702	21,518	23,070

It will be noticed that " special " classes, as last year, were the most numerous and the most widely distributed. The number of " associated " classes and the number of centres at which they are held have increased. These classes had an average attendance of 15·8 per class, as against 12 in the case of " special " classes. The increase (192) in the number of " associated " classes may be regarded as an index of the continued interest taken in technical instruction by local bodies, industrial associations, and other similar organizations. " College " classes were conducted by one only, as heretofore, of the University colleges—namely, Canterbury College, Christchurch. There are, however, indications that certain classes conducted by one or more of the other colleges will shortly be brought under the regulations.

The receipts by controlling authorities and by managers of " special " and " associated " classes respectively were by way of (1) capitation, £26,071; (2) voluntary contributions, and subsidies thereon, £11,468; (3) fees, £8,510: making a total of £46,049 from these sources. The expenditure by these bodies on (1) administration, &c., was £7,025, and on (2) salaries of instructors was £28,580; making a total of £35,605. The same bodies received £17,882 in grants for buildings and equipment, and expended thereon £25,314.

TABLE II.—AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT AND CAPITATION ON CLASSES FOR CERTAIN SUBJECTS.

Subjects of Instruction.	1908.			1909.		
	Average Attendance.	Capitation.		Average Attendance.	Capitation.	
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Engineering	1,658	1,425	8 9	1,592	1,984	0 9
Lead and wood working	1,897	1,810	9 7	1,586	1,430	0 6
Pure and applied art	4,355	4,494	15 7	4,513	4,957	19 1
Experimental and natural science	2,079	1,174	3 4	2,234	1,014	7 5
Domestic economy	3,278	2,563	13 8	3,417	3,059	19 7
Commercial subjects	5,549	4,198	5 6	5,867	4,884	2 11
Subjects of general education	2,601	1,844	11 2	2,979	771	6 6
Agriculture, wool-classing, &c.	101	89	15 0	882	395	15 11
Totals ...	21,518	17,601	2 7	23,070	18,497	12 8

Though there has been a slight falling-off in the attendance at classes for engineering and for lead and wood working, the classes in these subjects are