

The Science and Art Examinations of the English Board of Education, and the Technological Examinations of the City and Guilds of London Institute, were held as usual, the former at fifteen, the latter at seventeen, centres. The number of entries for the Science and Art Examinations was 781, the number of passes being 501; while for the Technological Examinations the number of entries was 437, and the number of passes 268. Although the time, May to July, at which these examinations require to be held is not altogether convenient from the point of view of the schools, the number of schools making use of these examinations continues to increase.

The following is a summary of the expenditure by the Government during the year on manual and technical instruction:—

Capitation,—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
School classes	18,741	17	8			
Technical classes	18,497	12	8			
Free places	6,401	1	6			
				43,640	11	10
Subsidies on voluntary contributions,—						
School classes	431	14	11			
Technical classes	5,764	3	0			
				6,195	17	11
Grants for buildings, equipment, and rent,—						
School classes	2,501	18	8			
Technical classes	17,830	16	9			
Grants for material for technical classes...	1,316	17	2			
				21,649	12	7
Railway fares of instructors and students				4,799	18	6
Examinations				646	3	3
Inspection and other expenses				1,051	0	4
Total				£77,983	4	5

The total expenditure by the Government in the way of capitation, subsidies, and grants was—for school classes, £21,675 11s. 3d.; and for technical classes, £49,810 11s. 1d.

The expenditure for the previous year was £21,260 19s. 2d. and £54,163 8s. 6d. respectively.

Full information regarding manual and technical instruction will be found in a separate paper (E.—5.)

SECONDARY EDUCATION.

Number of Schools.

The schools usually included in the list of secondary schools in this report which were open in 1909 were thirty-one in number, namely,—

(a.) "Endowed secondary schools" within the meaning of section 89 of the Education Act and included in the Eighth Schedule to the Act	26
(b.) Secondary schools within the meaning of the same section (89), but established by the Minister under section 94	3
(c.) Other endowed secondary schools not coming within the definition of section 89	2
Total	31

Four of the endowed secondary schools named in the schedule to the Act had not been established at the end of the year, although there were district high schools in the same places which were to some extent assisted by funds derived from the endowments of the secondary schools. A list of the schools is given in Table J3 of the special report on secondary education (E.—6). The number of district high schools in operation during the year was sixty-two.

Roll and Staff.

The total number of pupils attending the thirty-one secondary schools in the last terms of 1908 and 1909 respectively were as follows:—