

The most common period of tenure is two years, but in one district the scholarships are tenable for three years, and in four districts scholarships may, in deserving cases, be extended to three years if the funds of the Boards admit. By the terms of the Act every Education Board scholarship is tenable at a secondary school or its equivalent approved by the Board. With very few exceptions holders of Education Board scholarships are also holders of secondary free places.

(iii.) *Foundation (or Governors') Scholarships*.—These are of two kinds, those offered by the Governors of secondary schools not granting free places under the Act, and those offered as additional scholarships by the Governors of schools providing free places.

(iv.) *Private Scholarships*.—These are derived from funds provided by private donors at certain schools, by bequest or otherwise.

The number of foundation and private scholarships in the last term of 1910 was 193. Of the holders, fifty-nine were also Government free pupils under the regulations. The total value of the scholarships in cash was £1,160 6s. 6d. In addition, free tuition was given by the schools to holders of foundation and private scholarships to the value of £943 17s. 6d., the value of the Government free places already mentioned not being included in this amount.

Staff.

The staffing of the secondary schools was as follows :—

	1909.			1910.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Regular staff ...	131	93	224	140	107	247
Part-time teachers ...	44	33	77	48	31	79

The average number of pupils per teacher (excluding part-time teachers) was 21·7 in 1909 and 20·9 in 1910.

The head teacher of a school at which district high school classes are held generally takes some part in the secondary instruction, and receives from the Government the sum of £30 in addition to his salary as head teacher of the primary school. In 1909 there were also 93 special assistants—namely, 43 men and 50 women. In 1910 there were 45 men and 50 women. Leaving out of consideration the head teachers of district high schools, the average number of pupils per teacher was 23·3 in 1909 and 23·0 in 1910.

Salaries of Secondary Teachers.

The total amount paid as salaries to the regular staffs of secondary schools as at the rates paid at the end of the year was £55,769, as against £51,681 at the end of 1909. Full particulars will be found in Table K3 of the Secondary Schools Report. As might be expected, the salaries paid vary considerably; the following summary shows the average salary paid to principals and assistants :—

Salaries in Secondary Schools.

	1909.			1910.		
	M. £	F. £	All. £	M. £	F. £	All. £
Principals ...	474	361	437	490	368	450
Assistants ...	230	153	196	232	145	194
Whole staff ...	269	175	230	271	167	226

NOTE.—The salaries of part-time teachers are not taken into consideration in the above summary.

In the secondary departments of district high schools salaries are uniform, in accordance with the schedule to the Act. The average salaries actually paid