

Nearly 50 per cent. of the pupils took commercial courses, industrial courses being taken by 24·5 per cent., and domestic courses by 18 per cent. Courses in agriculture were taken by seventy-seven pupils at four schools, as compared with fifty-eight at two schools last year. The school at Westport provides an engineering course only. A well-equipped hostel in connexion with the Christchurch Day Technical School provides excellent facilities for domestic training.

Capitation payments on account of day technical schools during 1913 totalled £18,147, being at the rate of £10·9 per pupil.

Following are some particulars regarding free pupils at day technical schools:—

	1912.			1913.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Junior free pupils { First year ..	401	440	841	404	464	868
{ Second year ..	162	239	401	207	265	472
Senior free pupils { First year ..	37	65	102	50	86	136
{ Second year ..	11	18	29	12	14	26
{ Third year ..	2	..	2	3	2	5
Totals	613	762	1,375	676	831	1,507

The number of pupils holding Junior Free Places (tenable for two years) was 1,340, the number holding Senior Free Places (tenable for three years) was 167. Fifty per cent. of the pupils who entered a day technical school in 1912 continued to attend during 1913, while about 62 per cent. of the pupils who completed the second year of their Junior Free Places at the end of 1912 qualified for and were admitted to Senior Free Places in 1913.

General.

The following is a summary of the receipts (exclusive of grants for buildings, equipment, rent, and material) and the expenditure for 1913 in respect of "special" and "associated" classes (including, in each case, day technical schools):—

RECEIPTS.						Special Classes. £	Associated Classes. £
Capitation on attendances and free places	..	..	..	..	..	18,055	20,936
Voluntary contributions and subsidies thereon	..	..	..	..	..	2,070	10,029
Students' fees	..	..	..	..	..	4,630	4,441
Sundry receipts	..	..	..	..	..	2,683	3,236
Totals for 1913	..	..	..	..	..	£27,438	£38,642
Totals for 1912	..	..	..	..	..	£26,882	£31,610
EXPENDITURE.							
Administration	..	..	..	..	..	5,180	4,722
Salaries of Instructors	..	..	..	..	..	18,440	21,362
Sundry expenses	..	..	..	..	..	1,340	1,697
Totals for 1913	..	..	..	..	..	£24,960	£27,781
Totals for 1912	..	..	..	..	..	£25,718	£26,166

The total cost of administration was about 19 per cent. of the total receipts in the case of "special" classes and about 12 per cent. in the case of "associated" classes. It must be remembered, however, that the former are held at a much greater number of small centres than are the latter.

Grants in aid of buildings and equipment in the case of "special" classes amounted to £3,610, and the expenditure thereon to £18,036. In the case of "associated" classes the amounts were £10,620 and £25,607 respectively.

Grants in aid of rent and material in the case of "special" classes amounted to £874, the expenditure being £2,014. In the case of "associated" classes the amounts were £1,713 and £3,300 respectively.