

Following are some particulars regarding free pupils :—

		1913.			1914.		
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Junior free pupils	First year ..	404	464	868	465	489	954
	Second year	207	265	472	238	303	541
Senior free pupils	First year ..	50	86	136	57	91	148
	Second year	12	14	26	13	16	29
	Third year	3	2	5	1	1	2
Totals		676	831	1,507	774	900	1,674

Of the total number of pupils in attendance 91 per cent. were receiving free education under the Regulations for Free Places. Junior free places were held by 1,495 pupils, and senior free places by 179 pupils. 48 per cent. of the junior free pupils who entered in 1913 continued to attend in 1914, while about 25 per cent. of the pupils who completed the second year of their junior free places in 1913 qualified for and were admitted to senior free places in 1914. Of the pupils who left the day technical schools on the completion of their junior free places 12 per cent. qualified for senior free places and were admitted to evening classes. Most of these pupils left to take up employment.

General.

The following is a summary for 1914 of receipts (exclusive of grants for buildings, equipment, rent, and material) and of expenditure under certain heads 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	..	..	..	18,001	25,305
Voluntary contributions and subsidies thereon	..	..	..	2,428	8,850
Students' fees	..	..	..	4,019	5,284
Sundry receipts	..	..	..	4,100	7,717
Totals for 1914	..	..	..	£28,548	£47,156
Totals for 1913	..	..	..	£27,438	£38,642

EXPENDITURE.					
Administration	..	..	..	5,518	5,316
Salaries of instructors	..	..	..	19,093	26,208
Sundry expenses	..	..	..	759	1,368
Totals for 1914	..	..	..	£25,370	£32,892
Totals for 1913	..	..	..	£24,960	£27,781

The total cost of administration was about 19 per cent. of the total receipts in the case of “special” classes, and about 11 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.

The receipts and expenditure in respect of buildings, equipment, rent, and material for class use were as follows :—

SPECIAL CLASSES.				Receipts. £	Expenditure. £
Buildings and equipment	..	..	..	5,494	3,877
Rent and material	..	..	..	1,199	2,191
Totals	..	..	..	£6,693	£6,068

ASSOCIATED CLASSES.				Receipts. £	Expenditure. £
Buildings and equipment	..	..	..	8,891	22,735
Rent and material	..	..	..	1,636	3,747
Totals	..	..	..	£10,527	£26,482