

were attending continuation and technical classes held under the regulations for compulsory attendance.

Voluntary contributions in money to the funds of technical schools and classes amounted to £2,975, and subsidies were paid during the year 1919 to the amount of £4,640. The subsidies paid included limited subsidies on account of gifts of land made by local effort during the year, as well as amounts paid on account of contributions received by the controlling authorities during the previous year. Although voluntary contributions in money amount to less than 4 per cent. of the total income of the schools, they indicate a healthy general interest in technical education, and the amount would be considerably increased if the cost of land provided locally for technical school purposes were included.

CLASSES OTHER THAN CLASSES AT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

Classes were held at 110 centres. In the previous year the number of centres was 131, and the drop in number is accounted for by the discontinuance of farmers' classes in the Taranaki District held at a large number of centres, but each course occupying a very short period in the year.

The number of classes and the number of individual students were as follows :—

Description of Class.	Number of Classes		Number of Students.	
	1918.	1919.	1918.	1919.
Conducted by Education or High School Boards ..	1,111	959	9,176	8,232
Conducted by Technical School Boards or by Managers ..	672	879	6,949	8,664
Conducted by University Colleges	182	176	785	1,054
Totals	1,965	2,014	16,910	17,950

The following are some particulars of the age, sex, and occupations of students :—

	Seventeen Years of Age and under.		Over Seventeen Years of Age.		Totals.	
	1918.	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.	1919.
Males	4,657	4,984	3,573	4,305	8,230	9,289
Females	4,009	4,074	4,671	4,587	8,680	8,661
Totals	8,666	9,058	8,244	8,892	16,910	17,950

SUMMARY OF OCCUPATIONS OF STUDENTS.

	Number of Students.	Percentage of Totals.
Clerical pursuits	1,911	10·65
Professional pursuits	2,754	15·34
Students	3,548	19·76
Domestic pursuits	2,911	16·22
Agricultural pursuits	753	4·20
Various trades and industries	5,071	28·25
Other occupations not stated	1,002	5·58
Totals	17,950	100·0

NUMBER OF CLASSES IN CERTAIN SUBJECTS OF TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION HELD IN 1918 AND 1919.

	1918.	1919.
Arts and arcrafts	235	232
Mechanical and electrical engineering, theoretical and practical	220	238
Building-construction, carpentry, and plumbing, and other trades	204	201
Experimental and natural science, mathematics, &c.	135	120
Agriculture, wool-sorting, dairy-work, &c.	98	95
Domestic subjects	367	371
Commercial subjects	369	380
Subjects of general education	337	377
Totals	1,965	2,014