

NUMBER OF PUPILS RECEIVING FREE EDUCATION AT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS UNDER THE
REGULATIONS FOR FREE PLACES.

				1918.			1919.		
				Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Junior free pupils	First year	..		700	711	1,411	821	710	1,531
	Second year	..		353	449	802	411	462	873
Senior free pupils	First year	..		84	152	236	106	182	288
	Second year	..		22	27	49	9	44	53
	Third year	..		3	3	6	4	5	9
Totals	..	..	..	1,162	1,342	2,504	1,351	1,403	2,754

FINANCIAL.

The total capitation earnings of all classes, including technical high schools, amounted approximately to £83,915, as compared with £67,391 for the previous year.

The amount of capitation earnings shows an average rate of £4.02 per student, compared with £3.4 for the previous year. A far better comparison, however, is made when the rates for technical-high-school pupils and technical-class pupils are compared separately. Thus in 1919 the average rate of capitation per pupil in technical high schools was £14.05, as compared with £11.8 in the previous year. As regards capitation in technical classes, the average rate per pupil was £2.85, as compared with £2.46 in 1918. In the case of technical classes the revised rates of capitation provided under regulations issued in 1919 were intended to produce an average increase of 16 per cent., and this appears to have been fairly accurately realized, though there were considerable variations in particular cases.

The following table shows the receipts and payments for 1919 in respect of classes conducted by Education Boards or by High School Boards, and by Technical School Boards or Managers (including in each case technical high schools) :—

				Classes conducted by		Totals.
				Education or High School Boards.	Technical School Boards or Managers.	
<i>Receipts.</i>				£	£	£
Capitation	..	..	..	26,654	54,643	81,297
Class fees	..	..	..	2,528	5,221	7,749
Voluntary contributions and subsidies	..	..	..	2,136	5,479	7,615
Grants for buildings, &c.	..	..	..	6,292	4,523	10,815
Other receipts	..	..	..	4,920	11,196	16,116
Totals for 1919	..	..	..	42,530	81,062	123,592
Totals for 1918	..	..	..	41,986	54,680	96,666
Total for the two years	..	..	..	..	..	220,258
<i>Payments.</i>						
Staff salaries	..	..	..	24,437	46,488	70,925
Working-expenses	..	..	..	8,861	17,660	26,521
Buildings, &c.	..	..	..	5,834	10,564	16,398
Other payments	..	..	..	420	2,694	3,114
Totals for 1919	..	..	..	39,552	77,406	116,958
Totals for 1918	..	..	..	51,629	60,221	111,850
Total for the two years	..	..	..	..	..	228,808

In the case of classes conducted by Education Boards or by High School Boards the working-expenses represented 24.4 per cent. of the total receipts, exclusive of grants for buildings, rent, and equipment, and 36.3 per cent. of the payments on