

Staffing.—On the 30th June, 1928, there were 305 full-time assistant teachers on the staffs of technical schools, besides a large number of part-time teachers. There were also twenty-one full-time student teachers, ten being males and eleven females. The following table shows the classification of the 305 full-time assistant teachers, Class VII being the highest :—

Class.	Division I.		Division II.		Totals.
	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	
VII	..	1	..	4	5
VI	7	7	6	7	27
V	22	6	15	23	66
IV	27	8	10	17	62
III	27	13	20	2	62
II	17	7	9	10	43
I	19	15	4	2	40
Totals, 1928	119	57	64	65	305
Totals, 1927	111	53	66	65	295

It will be seen from the above table that the main increase has been in the number of Division I teachers (graduates).

The average rates of salary on the 30th June, 1928, were as follows : Principals (male), £649 (excluding house allowance). Assistants—Men, £401 ; women, £261 ; both, £345. All teachers (principals and assistants)—Men, £427 ; women, £261 ; both, £365.

With the inclusion of manual-training teachers employed by Education Boards the average rates of salary for all teachers (including Principals of technical schools) graded under the Regulations for Manual and Technical Instruction were as follows : Men, £408 ; women, £249 ; both, £346.

EVENING TECHNICAL CLASSES AND PART-TIME DAY CLASSES.

Classes were held at thirty-eight centres, as compared with forty-one in the previous year. The number of individual students was as follows :—

In classes conducted by Technical School Boards	8,787
In classes conducted by Secondary Education Boards	193
In classes conducted by Education Boards	450
In classes conducted by High School Boards	1,134
In classes conducted by University College Boards	399
Total	10,963

NOTE.—Oamaru transferred from a Technical School Board to a High School Board.

Of these students 5,286 held Government free places, classified as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
First year	815	474	1,289
Second year	744	376	1,120
Third year	766	453	1,219
Fourth year	608	379	987
Fifth year and over	451	220	671
	3,384	1,902	5,286