

TABLE A.—NUMBER OF STUDENTS, ACCORDING TO AGES, ADMITTED TO CLASSES AT TECHNICAL SCHOOLS OTHER THAN TECHNICAL HIGH-SCHOOL CLASSES; ALSO PRIMARY SCHOOL “LEAVERS” JOINING TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE NEXT YEAR.

Year.	(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)		(5)		(6)		(7)		(8)		(9)
	Under 13 Years of Age.		13-15 Years of Age.		15-17 Years of Age.		Over 17 Years of Age.		Totals.		Students admitted who left a Primary School in the Previous Year.		Junior Free Place First-year Pupils in Technical High Schools.		Totals of Columns Six and Seven.		Totals of Columns Six and Seven
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Both Sexes.
1917 ..	423	377	1,601	1,399	2,649	2,330	3,996	5,625	8,669	9,731	1,347	929	595	627	2,273	1,556	3,829
1918 ..	386	423	1,812	1,526	2,459	2,060	3,573	4,671	8,230	8,680	1,302	910	700	711	2,002	1,621	3,623
1919 ..	413	487	1,931	1,488	2,640	2,099	4,305	4,587	9,289	8,661	1,581	936	821	710	2,402	1,646	4,048
1920 ..	454	543	1,773	1,475	2,624	2,138	4,700	4,921	9,551	9,077	1,353	856	759	588	2,112	1,444	3,556
1921 ..	561	664	1,529	1,526	2,864	2,061	3,980	3,647	8,934	7,898	1,350	790	945	758	2,295	1,548	3,843
1922 ..	214	205	1,039	869	2,269	1,586	3,537	2,543	7,059	5,203	1,016	720	1,213	929	2,229	1,649	3,878
1923 ..	185	189	1,249	1,050	2,217	1,486	3,706	2,981	7,357	5,706	1,048	824	1,512	1,117	2,560	1,941	4,501
1924 ..	218	204	1,036	929	2,559	1,739	4,328	3,231	8,141	6,102	1,024	850	1,476	1,202	2,500	2,052	4,552
1925*..	140	181	974	940	2,532	1,517	4,021	2,661	7,667	5,299	940	724	1,378	1,226	2,318	1,950	4,268
1926†..	170	205	937	728	2,685	1,375	3,979	2,602	7,771	4,910	1,037	616	1,960	1,631	2,997	2,247	5,244
1927†..	85	68	783	569	2,701	1,462	4,346	2,394	7,915	4,493	857	637	1,846	1,576	2,703	2,213	4,916
1928†..	59	70	604	516	2,205	1,302	4,138	2,069	7,006	3,957	700	472	2,023	1,663	2,723	2,135	4,858

* Epidemic year. † Technical day schools counted with technical high schools.

NOTE.—The 1928 figures show roll at the 30th June, 1928; not total enrolments as for previous years.

Table B gives figures bearing on the same question. It will be seen that the attendance of students from clerical, commercial, and other occupations largely followed by women has fluctuated about practically the same mean for the last sixteen years, while that of students from professions—more than 75 per cent. being teachers—has diminished largely, the teachers’ classes being excluded from the list since 1921, and students in diploma courses at the University colleges since 1925.

On the other hand, there has been a tendency for the entries of students from the engineering and building trades to increase, especially in the last four or five years, partly due to increased activity in these trades, but largely also to the operation of Apprenticeship Committees under the Apprentices Act, 1923.

The changes which have taken place in the work of the technical schools have thus been in the direction of making the training of boys for industrial occupations much more prominent, with a corresponding reduction in the attention given to general and continuation work, and to classes for amateurs.

TABLE B.—STUDENTS IN TECHNICAL CLASSES: NUMBERS ATTENDING FROM CERTAIN GROUPS OF OCCUPATIONS.

Year.	Commercial, &c.						Engineering and Building.						Total, Industrial and Commercial.	Professional.
	Clerical.	Shop and Warehouse.	Dressmaking, Millinery, &c.	Tailors and Tailoresses.	Printers, &c.	Total.	Engineers and Mechanics.	Electricians.	Plumbers and Metalworkers.	Woodworkers.	Painters and Plasterers, &c.	Total.		
1913 ..	1,752	1,144	230	84	151	3,361	638	238	601	535	162	2,174	5,535	2,880
1914 ..	1,874	1,187	267	118	170	3,616	644	228	622	521	136	2,151	5,767	2,820
1915 ..	1,996	1,307	241	100	176	3,820	699	214	441	454	126	1,934	5,754	3,285
1916 ..	2,207	1,422	262	127	147	4,165	745	248	377	384	117	1,871	6,036	2,382
1917 ..	2,382	1,373	249	102	176	4,282	784	261	351	315	124	1,835	6,117	3,294
1918 ..	2,173	1,295	227	68	151	3,914	826	316	290	289	101	1,822	5,736	2,684
1919 ..	1,911	1,295	227	102	130	3,665	961	278	362	346	109	2,056	5,721	2,754
1920 ..	2,146	1,300	245	85	119	3,895	876	476	546	506	79	2,483	6,278	2,997
1921 ..	2,214	1,042	240	131	130	3,757	900	408	577	539	107	2,531	6,288	1,134
1922 ..	1,957	1,203	264	86	79	3,589	701	359	511	428	186	2,185	5,774	872
1923 ..	1,972	858	135	83	83	3,131	754	420	634	519	69	2,396	5,527	1,002
1924 ..	2,209	966	168	81	110	3,534	757	446	667	713	103	2,686	6,220	1,187
1925 ..	2,183	928	125	78	125	3,439	757	428	847	827	155	3,014	6,453	858
1926 ..	2,513	1,016		197	147	3,873	812	488	811	905	190	3,206	7,079	800
1927 ..	2,573	1,063		198	188	4,022	979	444	828	971	193	3,415	7,437	676
1928 ..	2,253	1,090		154	175	3,672	912	375	740	825	218	3,070	6,742	650

NOTE.—The 1928 figures show roll at the 30th June, 1928; not total enrolments, as for previous years.

There are no special changes to report in connection with the staffing of technical classes, the quality and character of the instruction, and the provision of buildings, furniture, and equipment. The remarks in our report last year on these matters apply equally to the year now under review.