

inclusion of manual-training teachers employed by Education Boards, the average rates of salary for all teachers (including Principals of technical schools) were as follows: Men, £412; women, £249; both, £350.

CLASSIFICATION OF FULL-TIME ASSISTANT TEACHERS, 1ST JULY, 1930.

Class	..	..	..	VII.	VI.	V.	IV.	III.	II.	I (the lowest).	Totals.
				M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.
Division I	..	..	..	0 2	10 6	24 8	37 10	27 9	24 14	15 18	137 67
Division II	..	..	..	0 4	7 12	13 16	24 12	16 11	12 7	3 4	75 66
Totals	..	..	..	0 6	17 18	37 24	61 22	43 20	36 21	18 22	212 133
Totals	..	..	..	6	35	61	83	63	57	40	345

EVENING TECHNICAL CLASSES AND PART-TIME DAY CLASSES.

In 1930 there were forty-three centres, as compared with thirty-seven in 1929, providing classes for 11,829 students. Of these students, 5,994 held free places. There were 11,187 students in 1929, of whom 5,627 held free places.

CHILD WELFARE.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER SUPERVISION.

The total number of children under supervision of the Child Welfare Branch as at 31st March, 1931, was 7,255, classed under the following headings:—

State wards—

In foster-homes, hostels, and with friends	..	..	..	3,099
In situations	..	..	..	990
In Government institutions, receiving-homes, &c.	..	..	..	290
In private institutions	..	..	..	214
Inmates in special schools for the mentally backward	..	..	..	269
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c.	..	..	..	40

4,902

Young persons supervised in their own homes by Child Welfare Officers, by order of Court

order of Court	..	..	..	952
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Infants supervised in foster-homes registered under the Infants Act

1,280

Pupils at School for the Deaf, Sumner (eight of these being State wards)

121

7,255

The number of children committed to the care of the Superintendent during the year ended 31st March, 1931, was 603, classified according to reason for committal as follows: Indigent, 266; delinquent, 27; detrimental environments, 84; not under proper control, 116; accused or guilty of punishable offence, 87; neglected, 23; and, in addition, 28 were admitted by private arrangement (section 12, Child Welfare Act), while 75 were temporarily admitted, making the total number of admissions for the year 706. Of the children committed, 58 had been dealt with previously by the Courts for other offences for which they had received terms of supervision.

Classified according to the age at the time of admission the numbers, including those admitted under section 12, Child Welfare Act, are as follows: Under six months, 68; over six months and under one year, 28; from one to five years, 118; from five to ten years, 123; from ten to fourteen years, 133; over fourteen years, 161. The children temporarily admitted (75) ranged in ages between four days and twenty years. The length of period of residence for these children was from one day to seven weeks.

Of the children in foster-homes, 220 are over the age of fourteen years, of whom 138 are still attending primary schools and 82 are receiving higher education. In addition, there are 16 residing in hostels and receiving secondary education. Furthermore, 23 children under the age of fourteen years are receiving higher education.