

TABLE Q 2.—NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO COMMENCED POST-PRIMARY COURSES IN 1936 AND WHO DEFINITELY LEFT IN THE SAME YEAR.

Type of School.			During First Month of Course.		During Second Month of Course.		During Third Month of Course.		During Fourth Month of Course.		During Fifth Month of Course.		During Sixth Month of Course.		During Seventh Month of Course.		During Eighth Month of Course.		During Ninth Month of Course.		During Tenth Month of Course.		During Eleventh Month of Course.		Total.	
Secondary schools			B. 4	G. 2	B. 5	G. 9	B. 11	G. 4	B. 15	G. 11	B. 24	G. 9	B. 39	G. 20	B. 42	G. 34	B. 28	G. 24	B. 36	G. 21	B. 50	G. 20	B. 189	G. 223	B. 443	G. 377
Percentage			1		2		2		3		4		7		9		6		7		9		50		100	
Combined schools			B. 0	G. 0	B. 1	G. 0	B. 7	G. 2	B. 5	G. 3	B. 6	G. 1	B. 9	G. 3	B. 5	G. 2	B. 10	G. 0	B. 8	G. 3	B. 19	G. 13	B. 26	G. 16	B. 96	G. 43
Percentage			0		1		6		6		5		9		5		7		8		23		30		100	
Technical schools			B. 17	G. 13	B. 26	G. 11	B. 33	G. 19	B. 59	G. 33	B. 51	G. 28	B. 55	G. 35	B. 81	G. 50	B. 58	G. 28	B. 78	G. 44	B. 66	G. 35	B. 371	G. 283	B. 895	G. 579
Percentage			2		3		4		6		5		6		9		6		8		7		44		100	
Secondary departments of district high schools			B. 14	G. 13	B. 9	G. 6	B. 20	G. 9	B. 20	G. 18	B. 22	G. 20	B. 15	G. 20	B. 28	G. 32	B. 27	G. 19	B. 28	G. 19	B. 27	G. 23	B. 138	G. 123	B. 348	G. 302
Percentage			4		2		5		6		7		5		9		7		7		8		40		100	
Totals			B. 35	G. 28	B. 41	G. 26	B. 71	G. 34	B. 99	G. 65	B. 103	G. 58	B. 118	G. 78	B. 156	G. 118	B. 123	G. 71	B. 150	G. 87	B. 162	G. 91	B. 724	G. 645	B. 1,782	G. 1,301
Percentage			2		2		4		5		5		6		9		6		8		8		45		100	

18. FREE PLACES IN POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The following table gives the number of free-place holders in post-primary schools in 1935 and 1936 :—

TABLE R.—FREE-PLACE HOLDERS AS AT 1ST JULY.

				Secondary Schools.		Combined Schools.		Technical High and Day Schools.		Secondary Departments of District High Schools.		Correspondence School.		All Post-primary Schools.	
				Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
Junior free places				5,261	5,085	852	629	4,102	3,377	1,741	1,803	280	416	12,236	11,310
Senior free places				2,869	2,262	426	298	853	743	585	577	19	50	4,752	3,930
Totals				8,130	7,347	1,278	927	4,955	4,120	2,326	2,380	299	466	16,988	15,240
Grand totals, 1936				15,477		2,205		9,075		4,706		765		32,228	
Grand totals, 1935				14,732		2,154		8,953		5,267		560		31,666	
Difference				+745		+51		+122		—561		+205		+562	

On the 1st July, 1936, 32,581 children were in attendance at *public* schools providing secondary education, and of these 32,228 held free places and 353 were paying pupils. Ninety-nine per cent. of the children were thus receiving free secondary education.

In 1935 362 out of the 32,028 children in attendance were paying pupils. The percentage of children receiving free education in 1936 was the same as that of the previous year.

19. SPECIAL CLASSES FOR BACKWARD CHILDREN.

One new class was established and one class was discontinued during the year.

The roll number of these classes at 1st July, 1936, was 551, as against 510 in the previous year.

The pupils in these classes have programmes of work adapted to their special individual needs. They are thus better able to progress to the limits of their capacity.