

books to be supplied free to all teachers in public schools, and it is proposed to make this provision permanent.

Much-needed financial assistance was provided for parents residing in country districts not served by the railways by means of grants for the conveyance by road of post-primary pupils. In cases where the homes were too far distant to permit of travelling to and fro daily a substantial contribution was made towards the cost of board of post-primary pupils. The grants payable for conveyance and board for post-primary pupils were at the same rate as those payable for primary-school pupils. The new arrangements were brought into force in the third term of the year 1936. A similar increase is proposed to be made in the boarding-allowance as in the case of primary-school pupils.

During the depression the rates paid to post-primary schools for manual and science capitation were reduced by 50 per cent., but from the beginning of the third term of the year 1936 they have been restored to the original rates of 2s. and 1s. per pupil according to the subjects taken.

Until 1936 pupils of post-primary schools could hold their free places only until the end of the term in which they reached the age of nineteen except in special cases approved by the Minister, when the free places might be held until the end of the year in which the pupil reached nineteen years. The regulations have now been altered extending all senior free places to the end of the year in which the pupil reaches nineteen years, provision being made for an extension beyond nineteen in special cases approved by the Minister. The age-limit for free school season tickets by rail has been extended from nineteen to twenty years; provision has been made for dealing with cases of special hardship, and the privilege has been granted of allowing pupils to use their free school season tickets to travel to certain approved school functions.

From the beginning of the year 1936, free school-books have been provided for post-primary pupils in cases where parents are unable to afford them, a substantial sum having been placed on the estimates for the purpose.

An amendment to the regulations enables teachers occupying Grade D positions in secondary schools, but classified as Grade C, to proceed to the maximum salary for Grade C.

A small increase as from the 1st November, 1936, was made in the grant for incidental expenses of secondary schools.

As regards higher education the most important proposal was the decision to restore the award of University National Bursaries, as from the beginning of the year 1937, on the higher-leaving-certificate qualification. In addition to this amelioration, the maximum amount payable under the bursary for University tuition fees will be increased from £10 to £20. A number of boarding-bursaries of an additional £30 per annum will also be made available for those who are required to live away from home in order to attend a University or Agricultural College, and for those students who require financial assistance to enable them to undertake University education.

The numbers of awards of home-science and agricultural bursaries tenable at the University Colleges have been increased and awards have been made of the newly established Bursary in Fine Arts.

An increase has taken place in the expenditure on War Bursaries, which were instituted for the children of soldiers who were killed or disabled in the Great War, and can be held by University bursars as well as by free-place pupils at post-primary schools.

Additional provision was made in the year 1936 for special assistance to deserving University students in cases of hardship.

In the sphere of adult education the grants formerly enjoyed by the Workers' Educational Association were restored, provision being made for the payment of £500 to the association and £750 to each of the four University Colleges to assist the association in its work. A representative committee of the University, the Workers' Educational Association, and other organizations interested considered adult education with a view to reporting on this very important branch of education. The Committee, which reported in the first instance to the University Senate, recommended the establishment of a Council of Adult Education to co-ordinate