

NUMBER OF PUPILS RECEIVING FREE EDUCATION AT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS UNDER THE REGULATIONS FOR FREE PLACES.

	1914.			1915.			
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Junior free pupils	First year ..	465	489	954	501	505	1,006
	Second year	238	303	541	267	266	533
Senior free pupils	First year ..	57	91	148	60	121	181
	Second year	13	16	29	15	26	41
	Third year	1	1	2	1	7	8
Totals ..	774	900	1,674	844	925	1,769	

Of the total number of pupils in attendance 90 per cent. were receiving free education under the Regulations for Free Places. Junior free places were held by 1,539 pupils, an increase of forty-four, and senior free places by 230 pupils, an increase of fifty-one. Of the junior free pupils admitted in 1914, 48 per cent. continued to attend in 1915, while about 21 per cent. of the pupils who completed the second year of their junior free places in 1914 qualified for and were admitted to senior free places in 1915. Of the pupils who left on completing their junior free places 16 per cent. qualified and were admitted to senior free places at evening classes.

FINANCIAL.

The following is a summary for 1915 of receipts (exclusive of grants for buildings, rent, equipment, and material) and of expenditure under certain heads in respect of the two main groups of classes—namely, (a) those conducted by Education or High School Boards, and (b) those conducted by Technical School Boards or Managers (including in each case technical high schools).

RECEIPTS.				(a.)	(b.)
				£	£
Capitation on attendances and free places	..	..	..	21,653	25,771
Voluntary contributions and subsidies thereon	..	..	..	2,554	5,814
Students' fees	..	..	..	4,013	5,259
Sundry receipts	..	..	..	4,855	4,458
Totals for 1915	..	..	..	£33,075	£41,302
Totals for 1914	..	..	..	£28,548	£47,156

EXPENDITURE.				(a.)	(b.)
				£	£
Administration	..	..	..	6,970	8,606
Salaries of instructors	..	..	..	20,127	23,775
Sundry expenses	..	..	..	1,678	2,934
Totals for 1915	..	..	..	£28,775	£35,315
Totals for 1914	..	..	..	£25,370	£32,892

The total cost of administration was 21 per cent. of the total receipts in the case of classes of the (a) group and 20 per cent. in the case of classes of the (b) group.

The receipts and expenditure in respect of buildings, rent, equipment, and material for class use were as follows:—

RECEIPTS.				(a.)	(b.)
				£	£
Buildings and equipment	..	..	..	6,227	6,500
Rent and material	..	..	..	829	1,965
Totals for 1915	..	..	..	£7,056	£8,465
Totals for 1914	..	..	..	£6,693	£10,527
EXPENDITURE.				(a.)	(b.)
				£	£
Buildings and equipment	..	..	..	3,432	6,847
Rent and material	..	..	..	2,582	3,922
Totals for 1915	..	..	..	£6,014	£10,769
Totals for 1914	..	..	..	£6,068	£26,482