

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

		1918.			1917.		
		Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Junior free pupils	First year ..	700	711	1,411	595	627	1,222
	Second year ..	353	449	802	311	378	689
Senior free pupils	First year ..	84	152	236	82	115	197
	Second year ..	22	27	49	19	18	37
	Third year ..	3	3	6	1	4	5
Totals		1,162	1,342	2,504	1,008	1,142	2,150

FINANCIAL.

The total capitation earnings of all classes, including technical high schools, amounted approximately to £67,391 (as compared with £61,868 for the previous year), of which £27,653 was earned by classes conducted by Education Boards, £36,368 by classes conducted by Technical School Boards and Managers, and £3,370 by classes conducted by University Colleges and High School Boards.

The amount of capitation earnings shows an average rate of £3·4 per student, as compared with £2·9 for the previous year.

The following table shows the receipts and payments for 1918 in respect of classes conducted by Education Boards or by High School Boards, and by Technical School Boards or Managers (including in each case technical high schools) :—

	RECEIPTS.	Classes conducted by	
		Education or High School Boards.	Technical School Boards or Managers.
		£	£
Capitation	28,010	32,206
Class fees	2,831	4,747
Voluntary contributions and subsidies	1,651	4,159
Grants for buildings, &c.	4,443	6,594
Other receipts	5,051	6,974
Totals for 1918	41,986	54,680
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	PAYMENTS.		
Staff salaries	25,874	32,759
Working-expenses	11,474	12,767
Buildings, &c.	14,281	11,642
Other payments	3,053
Totals for 1918	£51,629	£60,221
Totals for 1917	£39,814	£52,003

In the case of classes conducted by Education Boards or by High School Boards the working-expenses represented 30·56 per cent. of the total receipts, exclusive of grants for buildings, rents, and equipment, and 44·35 per cent. of the payments on staff salaries, while the payments on staff salaries represented 89·41 per cent. of the capitation earnings for the year. The corresponding percentages in the case of classes conducted by Technical School Boards or Managers were 26·55, 38·97, and 90·08 respectively.

Payments by the Government by way of capitation, grants for buildings, rents, equipment, and material, and subsidies on voluntary contributions represented 79·5 per cent. of the total receipts for the year in the case of classes conducted by Education Boards and High School Boards, and 76·3 per cent. in the case of classes conducted by Technical School Boards and Managers.

The total payments exceeded the total receipts by £15,184. This excess of payments over receipts is due largely to the fact that controlling authorities and