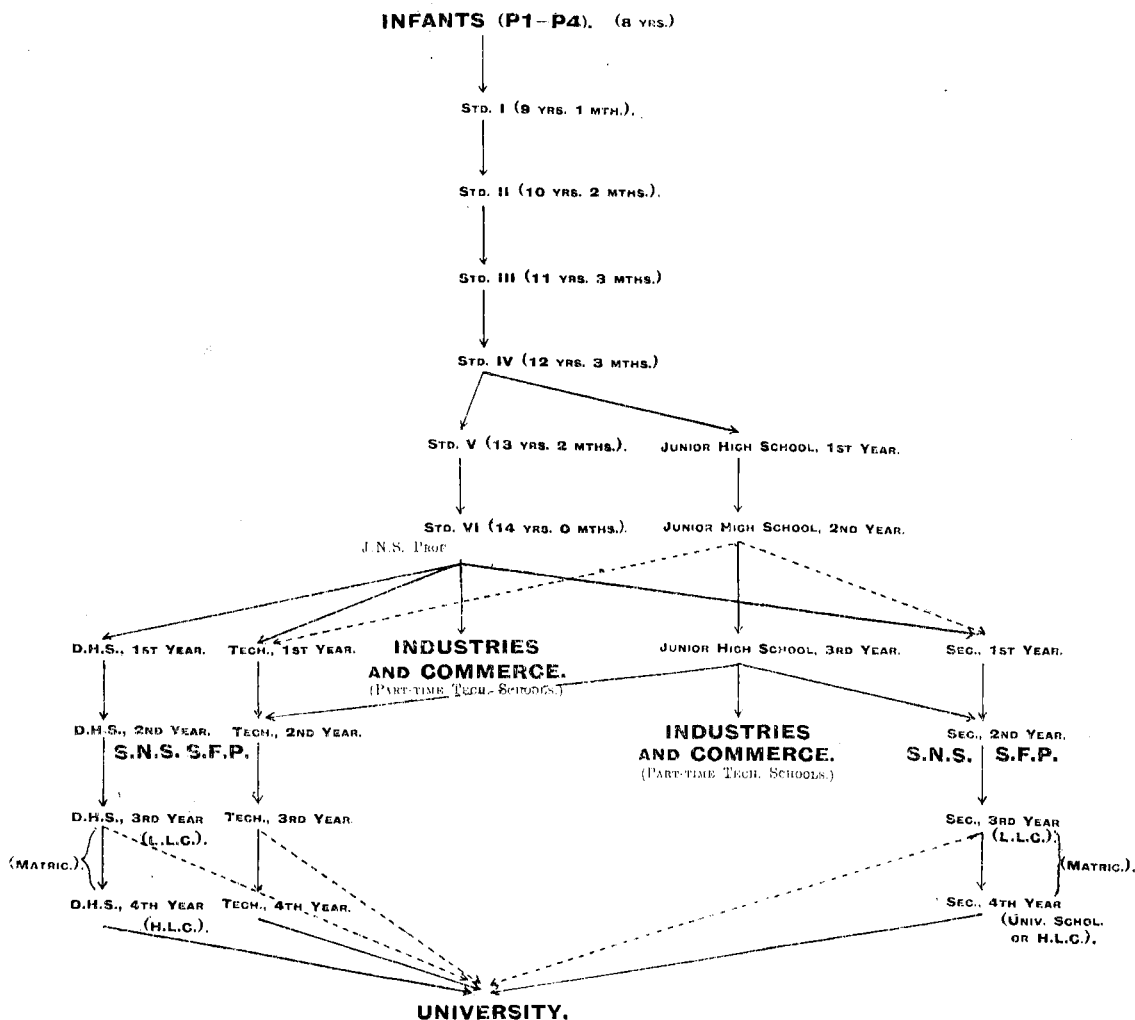


one. When the system is extended, junior high schools will probably in some cases be attached to primary schools and in others to secondary schools. In the meantime, wide inquiries are being made as to the success of the various adaptations of the junior high school in other countries.



CURRICULUM OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS.

Although the curriculum of secondary schools is not specifically defined by departmental regulations, the definition of subjects of instruction to be taught to free-place holders and the prescribed syllabuses of the various public examinations to a large extent control the character of the courses of work undertaken. Instruction must be provided for junior-free-place holders in English, history, and civics, arithmetic, mathematics, a branch of science, and in two additional subjects which may be one or two foreign languages, science subjects, or some such subject as commercial work, woodwork, drawing, &c. The study of home science is compulsory for every girl holding a junior free place.

The Department's Inspectors of Secondary Schools visit all secondary schools inspecting the work, conferring with the teachers on teaching matters, and discussing with the Principals details of organization and method. Written and oral tests are also given to second-year pupils in English, arithmetic, and usually in other subjects up to the standard of the Intermediate Examination, and Principals' recommendations for the award of senior free places and of the various leaving-certificates are dealt with. Besides an academic course, secondary schools now generally provide shorter complete courses for pupils not intending to go on to the University or to enter a profession, in addition to courses with a commercial, agricultural, or a domestic bias. 57 per cent. of the boys and 30 per cent. of the