

TABLE Q 2.—NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO COMMENCED POST-PRIMARY COURSES IN 1935 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.	
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.
Secondary schools	5	1	7	3	12	5	19	15	13	11	18	15	35	18	19	11	21	15	36	16	132	194	317	304
Percentage	1		2		3		5		4		5		9		5		6		8		52		100	
Combined schools	2	2	2	0	3	1	2	1	8	3	6	3	7	5	4	4	6	1	9	12	35	7	84	39
Percentage	3		2		3		2		9		7		10		7		6		17		34		100	
Technical schools	17	9	13	8	26	22	37	15	35	15	57	34	99	33	54	28	56	36	60	43	277	219	731	462
Percentage	2		2		4		4		4		8		11		7		8		9		41		100	
Secondary departments of district high schools	15	7	9	9	15	10	16	10	16	11	29	13	33	25	29	17	34	22	24	26	137	150	357	300
Percentage	3		3		4		4		4		6		9		7		8		8		44		100	
Totals	39	19	31	20	56	38	74	41	72	40	110	65	174	81	106	60	117	74	129	97	581	570	1,489	1,105
Percentage	2		3		4		4		4		7		10		6		7		9		44		100	

18. FREE PLACES IN POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The following table gives the number of free-place holders in post-primary schools in 1934 and 1935:—

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	5,130	4,834	801	608	4,020	3,191	1,960	1,976	206	322	12,117	10,931
Senior free places	2,747	2,021	445	300	961	781	763	568	11	21	4,927	3,691
Totals	7,877	6,855	1,246	908	4,981	3,972	2,723	2,544	217	343	17,044	14,622
Grand Totals, 1935	14,732		2,154		8,953		5,267		560		31,666	
Grand Totals, 1934	14,531		2,118		8,783		4,929		443		30,804	
Difference	+201		+36		+170		+338		+117		+862	

On the 1st July, 1935, 32,028 children were in attendance at *public* schools providing secondary education, and of these 31,666 held free places and 362 were paying pupils. Ninety-nine per cent. of the children were thus receiving free secondary education.

In 1934 427 out of the 31,231 children in attendance were paying pupils. The percentage of children receiving free education in 1935 was the same as that of the previous year.

19. SPECIAL CLASSES FOR BACKWARD CHILDREN.

The special classes established for the education of backward children who cannot make normal progress in an ordinary class continue to do very good work. There appears an increasing willingness on the part of parents to allow their children to take advantage of this only means to reasonable progress.

Two new classes were established during the year.

The roll number of these classes at 1st July, 1935, was 510, compared with 505 in the previous year.