

Although the number of technical-school teachers remains the same as for last year, the number of Division I men (graduates) has increased from eighty-seven to ninety-four, while the number of women in the higher grades of Division II has also increased considerably.

CLASSES OTHER THAN CLASSES AT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

Classes were held at forty-three centres, as compared with fifty-six in the previous year. The decrease was due mainly to the discontinuance of classes at small country centres. The number of individual students was as follows :—

	1924.	1925.
Classes conducted by Education or High School Boards ..	2,667	1,641
Classes conducted by Technical School Boards or by Managers	10,288	10,708
Classes conducted by University College (Christchurch School of Art)	1,288	617
Totals	14,243	12,966

The following are some particulars of the age, sex, and occupations of students :—

	Seventeen Years of Age and Under.		Over Seventeen Years of Age.		Totals.	
	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.	1925.	1924.
Males	3,646	3,813	4,021	4,328	7,667	8,141
Females	2,638	2,871	2,661	3,231	5,299	6,102
Totals	6,284	6,684	6,682	7,559	12,966	14,243

SUMMARY OF OCCUPATIONS OF STUDENTS.

	1924.		1925.	
	Number of Students.	Percentage of Total.	Number of Students.	Percentage of Total.
Clerical pursuits	2,209	15·51	2,183	16·84
Professional pursuits	1,187	8·33	858	6·62
Students	3,041	21·35	2,494	19·23
Domestic pursuits	1,840	12·92	1,596	12·31
Agricultural pursuits	290	2·04	204	1·57
Various trades and industries	4,908	34·46	5,226	40·31
Other occupations not stated	768	5·39	405	3·12
Totals	14,243	100·00	12,966	100·00

NUMBER OF STUDENTS RECEIVING FREE EDUCATION AT TECHNICAL SCHOOLS OTHER THAN TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS.

	1925.			1924.		
	Males.	Females.	Totals.	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Junior free pupils { First year	1,056	756	1,812	1,095	822	1,917
{ Second year	792	458	1,250	797	525	1,322
Senior free pupils { First year	658	447	1,105	638	411	1,049
{ Second year	501	253	754	425	259	684
{ Third year	297	159	456	223	148	371
Totals	3,304	2,073	5,377	3,178	2,165	5,343