

There were 1,240 entries for the Intermediate Examination, 1,126 candidates presenting themselves, of which number 385 passed and 741 failed to do so.

The number present at the Public Service Entrance Examination was 2,397, 1,090 of the number passing and 1,307 failing the examination.

The number of candidates who sat for the different stages of the teachers' certificate examinations was 2,086 (590 for the whole or part of Class C and 1,496 for Class D). Of the total number 275 obtained complete passes in Class D, 116 in Class C, 2 in Class B, and 1 in Class A. 1,221 improved their status and 471 failed.

The technological examinations were inaugurated in 1928, and were held in the intermediate grade only. Fifty-one candidates presented themselves for examination, of which number 32 passed and 19 failed.

#### TEACHERS' SUPERANNUATION FUND.

The position of the fund at the 31st January, 1929, and the principal figures concerning the transactions for the year, compared with those for the year ended 31st January, 1928, are given below:—

	1927-28. £	1928-29. £
Balance at credit of fund at end of year .. .. .	1,134,015	1,171,990
Increase over balance at end of previous year .. .. .	50,860	37,976
<b>Income for the year—</b>		
Members' contributions .. .. .	131,872	136,061
Interest .. .. .	68,053	67,828
Government subsidy .. .. .	71,228	72,000
<b>Total income .. .. .</b>	<b>£271,153</b>	<b>£275,889</b>
<b>Expenditure—</b>		
Retiring and other allowances .. .. .	188,553	207,706
Contributions refunded, &c. .. .. .	26,075	26,781
Administration expenses .. .. .	3,845	3,426
Bad debts on realization of securities and reserve .. .. .	1,820	..
<b>Total expenditure .. .. .</b>	<b>£220,293</b>	<b>£237,913</b>
Number of contributors at 31st January .. .. .	8,680	9,281
Number of members admitted during period .. .. .	841	1,160
Number retiring from the fund during period .. .. .	532	559
Net increase in membership at 31st January .. .. .	309	601
Number of allowances in force at end of period .. .. .	1,364	1,444
Representing an annual charge of .. .. .	£192,635	£210,154
Ordinary retiring-allowances .. .. .	843 £149,554	911 £165,979
Retiring-allowances under extended provisions of section 75 of the Act .. .. .	109 £17,504	107 £17,250
Retiring-allowances in medically unfit cases .. .. .	128 £17,205	139 £18,435
Allowances to widows .. .. .	195 £6,058	203 £6,306
Allowances to children .. .. .	89 £2,314	84 £2,184
<b>Funds invested at 31st January—</b>		
At 4½ per cent. .. .. .	30,350	30,250
At 5 per cent. .. .. .	12,920	12,920
At 5¼ per cent. .. .. .	81,160	137,260
At 6 per cent. .. .. .	935,487	965,845
At 6½ per cent. .. .. .	73,127	30,002
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>£1,133,044</b>	<b>£1,176,277</b>
Average rate of interest on investment at 31st January .. .. .	5·87 per cent.	5·88 per cent.

#### SUBSIDY TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

The sum of £3,000 was distributed to public libraries in country districts on the basis of subsidy on moneys raised locally by voluntary contribution. Three hundred and twenty-five libraries participated in the grant, receiving amounts varying from £6 10s. to £11 19s. The subsidy is not paid to libraries situated in towns or boroughs with a population exceeding fifteen hundred.

Parliament will be asked to appropriate a further sum of £3,000 this year to enable the payment of subsidy to be continued.