

The number of children committed to the care of the Superintendent during the year ended 31st March, 1932, was 493, classified according to reason for committal as follows: Indigent, 215; delinquent, 16; detrimental environment, 42; neglected, 9; not under proper control, 133; accused or guilty of punishable offence, 78; and, in addition, 17 were admitted by private arrangement (section 12, Child Welfare Act), while 47 were temporarily admitted, making the total number of admissions for the year 557. Of the children committed, 67 had been dealt with previously by the Courts for other offences for which they had received terms of supervision.

Classified according to the age at the time of admission, the numbers, including temporary admissions and those admitted under section 12, Child Welfare Act, are as follow: Under six months, 59; over six months and under one year, 25; from one to five years, 88; from five to ten years, 110; from ten to fourteen years, 108; over fourteen years, 167. The length of period of residence for the children temporarily admitted was from one day to eight weeks.

Of the children in foster-homes, 201 are over the age of fourteen years, of whom 130 are still attending primary schools and 71 are receiving higher education. In addition, there are 18 residing in hostels and receiving secondary education. Furthermore, 33 children under the age of fourteen years are receiving higher education.

### 38. TEACHERS' SUPERANNUATION FUND.

The position of the fund at the 31st January, 1932, and the principal figures concerning the transactions for the year, compared with those for the year ended 31st January, 1931, are given below:—

	1930-31.	1931-32.
	£	£
Balance at credit of fund at end of year .. ..	1,272,148	1,218,166
Increase over balance at end of previous year .. ..	73,437	..
Decrease over balance at end of previous year .. ..	..	53,982
Income for the year—		
Members' contributions .. .. .	143,392	*115,961
Interest .. .. .	73,105	72,682
Government subsidy .. .. .	126,106	46,917
Total income .. .. .	£342,603	£235,560
Expenditure—		
Retiring and other allowances .. .. .	235,902	254,927
Contributions refunded, &c. .. ..	29,305	30,628
Administration expenses, &c. .. ..	3,960	3,987
Total expenditure .. .. .	£269,167	£289,542
Number of contributors at 31st January .. ..	9,909	9,964
Number of members admitted during period .. ..	853	628
Number retiring from the fund during period .. ..	560	573
Net increase in membership at 31st January .. ..	293	55
Number of allowances in force at 31st January .. ..	1,582	1,677
Representing an annual charge of .. .. .	£239,624	£270,840
Ordinary retiring-allowances .. .. .	1,015 £192,710	1,088 £221,871
Retiring-allowances under extended provisions of section 75 of the Act, and under section 14 of Finance Act, 1931 .. .. .	103 £17,971	108 £18,449
Retiring-allowances in medically unfit cases .. ..	155 £19,936	166 £21,107
Allowances to widow .. .. .	227 £7,112	242 £7,515
Allowances to children .. .. .	80 £2,080	73 £1,898
Funds invested at 31st January—	£	£
At 4½ per cent. .. .. .	30,050	29,950
At 5 per cent. .. .. .	147,960	147,960
At 5½ per cent. .. .. .	15,800	15,800
At 5¾ per cent. .. .. .	138,510	131,510
At 5½ per cent. .. .. .	400	400
At 6 per cent. .. .. .	881,688	867,104
At 6½ per cent. .. .. .	35,704	24,450
Total .. .. .	£1,250,112	£1,217,174
Average rate of interest on investments at 31st January .. ..	5.796 per cent.	5.78 per cent.

\* £136,931, less rebate under section 8 (2) of Finance Act, 1931, £20,970.