

same sum per week, for which payment they shall not attend any number of hours exceeding nine per day; overtime to be charged as full hours, and each fraction to be charged as one hour.

"CASUAL ENGAGEMENTS.—Members called in to assist in the composition of book work or jobbing, may take a casual engagement for not less than a day on the establishment; but not of a greater length than a fortnight; at the expiration of which they must either be paid on the piece, or, if not discharged then, be entitled to a fortnight's notice."

There are nearly 400 offices in London recognized by the Society, so that the compositor in search of employment has a wide field before him; but the task is none the less difficult, for all that, in the dull season; for, while I was there, the Society's books had from two to three hundred signatures every-day, of printers out of work. A single man, signing the book for a week, is entitled to 6s.; a married man 12s. A

provincial printer, on arriving in London, and depositing his card, receives 5s. relief. Should the applicant arrive on Saturday, an additional 1s. 6d. is granted. Only one relief to be given in 12 months. The subscription to the Society is 7d. per week, with the following exceptions: Members 60 years of age and upwards, and unable to earn 20s. per week, 3d.; members under 60 years of age, but who, by reason of chronic infirmity, are unable to earn 20s. per week, 3d. One penny per mile is allowed for travelling expenses, while going through the country searching for work.

The following table is an abbreviation of the provincial rate of wages published in the *Guide*, and which has been taken principally from the annual statistics published by the Provincial Typographical Association, and is as complete and accurate as it has been found possible to make it. The minimum recognized rate is in all cases made the standard of wages:—

TOWNS.	WAGES.			NEWS PIECE PRICES.						NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK.			OVERTIME, PER HOUR.		
	Jobbing.	Weekly News.		WEEKLY.			DAILY.			Jobbing.	Weekly News.		Jobbing.	Weekly News.	
		s.	s.	Brevier.	Minion.	Nonpareil.	Brevier.	Minion.	Nonpareil.		Daily News.	Daily News.			
BATH,	27	27	..	6½	6½	6½	..	..	..	54	54	..	..	6	..
BIRMINGHAM,	30	30	45	7½	7½	8½	8	8	9½	54	54	50	9	9	12
BRISTOL,	28	30	38	6½	7½	7½	8	8½	9	54	..	..	7	8	9
BRIGHTON,	29	29	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	60	..	6	6	..
CAMBRIDGE (Town),	27	..	..	5	6½	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
CAMBRIDGE (University),	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..
CARDIFF,	27	27	40	6½	6½	7½	7	7	8	54	..	..	6	..	9
DUBLIN,	33	35	40	6½	7	7½	7	7½	8½	57	57	60	3	3	6
GLASGOW,	30	30	37½	..	..	..	..	..	..	54	54	51	10	10	12
GREENOCK,	30	30	30	5½	6	6½	..	..	..	54	54	54	10	10	10
HALIFAX,	30	30	..	6½	6½	7	..	..	..	54	54	..	8	8	..
HULL,	28	28	35½	5½	6	6½	..	..	..	53½	53½	51	8	8	10
LONDONDERRY,	27	27	..	5½	6	..	..	..	..	59	60	..	6	6	..
LIMERICK,	20	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	..	..	6	6	..
LIVERPOOL,	31	31	42	8½	8½	9	9	9	9½	51	..	52	9	9	10
MANCHESTER,	35	35	42	7½	8	8½	9	9	9½	55	51	51	10	10	12
NEWCASTLE,	32	32	40	6½	..	7	8	8	8½	54	..	..	9	9	12
OXFORD (Town),	16	30	..	6	6	6	..	..	..	55	55	..	2	2	..
OXFORD (University),	36	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..
SHEFFIELD,	31	32	36	6½	6½	7	7½	..	..	54	54	53	7½	8	10
STAFFORD, .....	..	32	..	5½	6	7	..	..	..	54	54	..	6	8	..
YORK,	28	28	..	5½	5½	6	..	..	..	54	54	..	7	7	..

In Dublin, the rate for overtime on jobbing is 3d. extra per hour up to 12 o'clock, and 6d. per hour after that time up to 6 o'clock, a. m.; on weekly news, 3d. for the first three hours, 6d. per hour after that; and on dailies 6d. per hour extra.

In Edinburgh, daily news hands receive 40s. per week of 51 hours; jobbing hands 30s. per week of 54 hours.

The "wayz-goose" is still an active institution in England, each office of any size having