

SPECIAL LECTURE COURSES.

In addition to this special course in philanthropy, there is no reason why all colleges and boarding schools aiming to prepare young people for careers of usefulness should not give instruction on such broad subjects as charitable relief, protection of children, housing of the poor, sanitation, causes of insanity, crime, pauperism, dependency and the care of the defective classes. A knowledge of these subjects is useful at all times and may have a far-reaching influence in checking human misery and promoting happiness and contentment throughout the

THE MUNICIPALITY.

Every municipality should have a Social Welfare Department, either an adjunct to the Health Department or under a Municipal Committee. This Department would have the supervision of charitable and social endeavor, and guide both effort and expenditure so that the best results would be secured. In a large city the office might well be a distinct branch of the service, not so much to engage in active work as to gather the loose threads together, provide a medium of communication, a bureau of information, a centre of inspiration and encouragement to both paid and volunteer workers. To be effective there is the essential implication that the director should be a man capable of meeting all the needs of such an office, qualifying himself by special research for authoritatively advising all engaged in benevolent service. In the smaller cities and towns a committee of educated social leaders might be delegated by the Council to exercise supervision over organizations, and this committee, acting as a friendly critic, could bring about co-ordination of social effort. No municipality itself should undertake to dispense charity.

CHARITY ORGANIZATION.

Before dealing directly with the problems of charity it is perhaps well to consider another branch of educational work, namely the Charity Organization Society, or as it is sometimes called, The Associated Charities. Thoughtful people are recognizing to-day more than ever before that indiscriminate charity and haphazard methods constitute a real menace, not only to the recipients, but also to the community at large. Generous instincts and a highly cultivated Christian sentiment prompt a ready response to the cry for aid. Throughout its whole history the world has never known such vast fortunes devoted to public benevolence as prevails to-day. Therefore there is urgent need for deliberation lest good intentions be turned to evil account.

The Charity Organization Society is not a relief-giving agency. Its mission is distinctly educational. It surveys the whole field; brings into play the business and scientific aspect of charity, rather than the emotional; advocates co-ordination among the multifarious charities, so that each may cover a distinct branch of work thoroughly; deals with causes rather than effects; directs attention to the value of friendly visiting without alms-giving; frowns beggars out of existence by