

"The object of this Bill," says the Memorandum, "is the Parliamentary recognition of Secondary Education, to complete the National System of Education in England :—

"(1) By consolidating the Educational powers . . . possessed by the Charity Commissioners, the Science and Art Department, and the present Education Department, into one Central Educational Authority, under the Committee of the Privy Council on Education ; and

"(2) By establishing local Secondary Education Authorities, to administer areas not less than those of a County, or a County Borough. . . .

"With the object of keeping the administration in constant touch with the practical side of Education, this Central Authority has attached to it an Advisory Council, to which questions connected with Secondary Education are to be referred, . . . and each local Educational Authority shall include an adequate proportion of persons of educational experience."

When this Bill shall have passed, it will effect more, or less, of a revolution in the management, control and efficiency of a large class of Higher Schools, now practically controlled by individuals, or by local corporations.

Thus, the prospects are : That before this year is out, the completion will have been effected, so far as Parliament and the Central Administration are concerned, of the "National System of Education in England," which will then have become an actual and a gratifying fact.

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