

dealing with the functions of evening classes or of the university; but I shall not have completed my subject if I do not say a few words on the higher commercial education suitable for a boy who does not enter business before the age of eighteen. I confess that higher commercial education appeals neither to the average merchant nor to the average parent. It is something, however, that touches the whole nation, its commercial security and commercial development. For you will surely agree with me that in a country like England, with a democratic Government, it is a matter of the greatest concern that the commercial community shall have as leaders, men capable of considering questions of currency, tariffs, taxation, treaties, and of inquiring into the commercial conditions of other countries, their policies and their methods. A proposal has often been made to establish a commercial institute with a two or three years' course. The London Technical Education Board recommends as a substitute the formation of commercial departments in first-grade schools. The advantages that must accrue to a Commercial School that is conducted as part and parcel of an efficient Public School are obvious; but this association will at the same time weaken the support from other schools. The experiment is being made. With the assistance of the London Technical Education Board, we have established a Commercial Department at University College School. To put before you its aim and character I cannot do better than read to you our programme:

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SCHOOL.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT.

The minimum age of admission is fifteen. Attainments must be of

standard required for passing one of the following examinations (one modern language being included among the subjects): Cambridge or Oxford Local Senior Pass or Junior Honors; London University Matriculation; C.O.P. First Class. Intermediate L.C.C. scholars will be admitted to the course if they can show a satisfactory knowledge of French or German.

The aim is to prepare (1) for the higher branches of commercial life, (2) for an institution of University rank in the higher branches of industry and commerce. The course is two years in length. At the end of the first year an examination will be held for admission to the second year's course. At the end of the second year's course, the pupils will present themselves for a leaving examination conducted by the Technical Board, on the result of which examination certificates will be granted. The examinations will be partly oral.

COURSE OF STUDY.

English literature and composition, commercial science, economics, commercial arithmetic, commercial history, commercial geography, book-keeping, mathematics.

Two of the following languages: French, German, Spanish, Latin.

Optional: chemistry, shorthand, typewriting, drawing, higher mathematics.

English.—Selected works of English literature, e.g., Bacon's Essays, Burke, Arthur Helps. Essay writing, précis writing, practice in speaking, debates on commercial topics.

Mathematics (first year only).—Algebra: progressions, permutations and combinations, logarithms, annuities, and compound interest. Geometry: Euclid III., IV., VI. Trigonometry: elements up to and