

A Committee, consisting of teachers in the University of Birmingham and of representatives of various institutions in the city, has been formed to provide a course of systematic instruction, combined with practical training, for those who propose to engage in public and social service. It has in view the needs especially of the following classes :—

- (1) Those who desire to engage as officials in national or municipal administration (*e.g.*, employment exchanges, insurance, school care, sanitation, housing, poor law, pension, probation work, etc.).
- (2) Those who desire to take part in philanthropic work, whether as volunteers, or as salaried secretaries or organizers of citizens' committees, guilds of help, health societies, charity organization societies, etc., or as almoners of hospitals.
- (3) Those who desire appointments as welfare supervisors in factories.
- (4) The officials of trade unions, co-operative societies, friendly societies, and similar organisations.
- (5) The clergy and church workers of the several denominations.
- (6) Those who desire to prepare themselves for the duties of elected or co-opted members of local governing bodies.

The programme of instruction and training will usually cover two academic years, beginning in the Autumn. In the case of candidates for the Diploma with special qualifications, such as a University degree or considerable experience in social work, application may be made to the chairman for permission to take the course in one year instead of two.

Candidates for the Diploma, who are under the age of twenty years, are required to apply to the chairman for permission to take the course. Applications to the chairman for either of these purposes must be made before the candidate enters upon the training or registers as a student.