

There is little to do except sit at this desk in gown & hood & look impressive. But there is an ample fee, and one can do one's own correspondence & miscellaneous work in quiet while the girls are toiling at the papers; & it does enable one to see something of an important part of the secondary education system of the country.

I expect soon to be taking an active part in general educational administration (outside my immediate work as Dean of the Faculty of Commerce) as member of the Education Committee of the County of Leicester. As you no doubt know, the Act of 1902, put all the educational machinery of each county & county borough under a Committee of the County Council composed of a number of experts appointed from outside.

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Most of the counties around B'ham have put a representative of B'ham Univ. on its education authority. Hitherto I have declined to act on any such body, thinking I had enough to do with creating my own department & as member of the Council of the Chamber of Commerce here & of the District Comtee of the City. But now I have got matters into shape at college & have more time free for other things. This is a formative period in the history of English education & I shall not be sorry to take a hand in it.

Our Faculty of Commerce is making very satisfactory progress. We are drawing a number of the sons of substantial business men (who otherwise - such is our English way - would not have received any higher training at all after 17), and I am finding it possible to secure good openings into business life for such of my men as have no family backing. It is the great