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since graduation of 600 of our graduates, Of these 35 or 40 have Government positions. At the start the latter, on the average, received 5 to 10 per cent more than those entering commercial positions, but the relation between their earnings goes down steadily, until, after 20 years' service, the average income of a Government employee is only about 40 per cent of that of the whole body, and the "median" income about 55 per cent of that of the whole body.

There are a good many lines of employment under the Government which are so specialised that the experience gained therein is of comparatively little value in other lines of work. I can speak with some feeling about this, because I was for three years in the Civil Service, more than thirty years ago, and although the work was quite interesting I have always regarded the time so spent as practically wasted. There are, however, certain circumstances in which I would have no hesitation in recommending a graduate to go into the Government service: wherever the line of work is interesting to him and is likely to expand, as, for instance, is the case in the design of aircraft and the like where excellent opportunities may arise. I have placed two or three men with Col. Stedman and I think all concerned are satisfied. In certain routine positions again, I think that a certain type of man (who is steady and reliable, but has little initiative,) may do just as