

COMMERCIAL EDUCATION

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COMMERCIAL EDUCATION IN ENGLAND UNDER THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

§1. EVENING SCHOOLS: THE JUNIOR COURSES

By far the larger part of the commercial education supervised by the Board of Education is in evening schools. Since the suspension of the Fisher Act, as before, it is beyond the age of compulsion, and must rely on voluntary attendance. It suffers from such disadvantage as may result from the fact that those who benefit by it come to their classes wearied—by far the larger number of them—with a full day's wage-earning. It benefits, on the other hand, from such advantage as may result from the greater eagerness and definiteness of purpose which may be supposed natural in those already in contact with business necessities.

A Memorandum of the Board of Education issued in 1919 classifies the instruction provided as Junior, Senior, and Advanced Courses.