

'technological'—such as is given in 'trade' schools or 'technical classes.' To rise to management in factories or mills—to say nothing of preparation for citizenship—they need the sort of general education which a sensible teaching of English and Arithmetic could be made to furnish. But there is often no readily accessible provision for them other than in the commercial continuation schools. And when they do resort to them—and in one important city, which is much more manufacturing than commercial in the narrower sense, forty per cent., in a recent session, of the junior commercial pupils were engaged in industrial occupations—the lack of any evident connection between, let us say, book-keeping as there taught (not to speak of shorthand) and their daily avocations causes many to fall away before the end of the first session, and most of the rest to fail to reappear in the following year.

The function, then, actually fulfilled by the Junior Courses maintained by educational authorities is to help to provide business men with clerks, and these consisting preponderatingly of women shorthand writers and typists. In this work they compete with the many private venture Business Schools, some of which—with their branches in all important towns—must be profitable concerns. But as