

entries ; and when it is added that almost 11% took a ' Civil Service Course ' ; over 8% a ' Professional Preliminary ' ; and well over 15% various special professional and trade courses, ranging from the needs of Solicitors to those of Retail Meat Traders, it will be seen how relatively few must be the entries for the ' General Commercial Course ' which can alone provide some elements of the Business Economics which the Board of Education thought so essential. In fact, they account for under 7½% of the whole number of entries.

When we pass to the entries for grouped courses in a second year, we find the total number (not of students but of enrolments in particular courses) was 3,274. It would seem therefore that about two out of three of the senior students continue their studies for a second year : a much more encouraging state of things than is presented by the Junior Courses. 41% of these registrations were for Shorthand ; almost 22% for Book-keeping and Accountancy ; almost 19% for Languages ; and for the second year of the ' General Commercial Course ' about 9%.

Several of these Institutes provide third year courses, and, in a few cases, courses for even later years. The total number of enrolments in third year and later classes was 2,319 ; again, in