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PREFACE

TO THE SECOND EDITION

THE second edition has been brought up to date on matters of fact and embodies a few alterations and some additions, principally in the lists of books.

The seven months which have elapsed since the publication of the first edition have done much to confirm the hopes then entertained. The eight classes working under the Tutorial Classes Committee show a uniformly satisfactory record. Moreover, as we had hoped and anticipated, the other English Universities are continuing the work they had already done in this direction, and their activities are developing on the lines suggested in the Report. It is hardly necessary for us to express our cordial sympathy with their action and our desire to co-operate with them, and to secure their co-operation, in meeting the increasing demand among workpeople for higher education.

The reception of the Report by almost every section of English opinion has been so satisfactory that we feel justified in hoping that work of the character described in it may soon be regarded as part of the permanent educational machinery of the country.

OXFORD, *August*, 1909

NOTE

WE are glad to be able to report that the following steps have already been taken by the University to carry out the recommendations made below :—

(1) A Statute was passed through the Convocation of the University on October 27, empowering the Extension Delegacy to form a Committee consisting of working-class representatives in equal numbers with members of the Delegacy.

(2) At a meeting of the Extension Delegacy on October 30 such a Committee was established, in accordance with the Statute.

Tutorial Classes are being held under the new Committee at the following places :—

Chesterfield.
Glossop.
Littleborough.
Longton.
Oldham.
Rochdale.
Swindon.
Wrexham.

(3) The Committee for Economics has agreed to the resolution as to the admission of Tutorial Class students to the Diploma course expressed in § 132 below.

(4) The Committee for Economics, acting on the suggestion made in § 133 below, has passed a resolution in favour of the inclusion of Political Science in the Diploma course for

Economics, and has appointed a sub-committee to draft a scheme.¹

(5) The Trustees of the University Appeal Fund have approached the University with a view to the establishment of a Lecturership in Political Theory and Institutions.

NOTE.—*The Tutorial Classes are of course open to women upon the same terms as to men; there are several women students in the classes now at work. It is intended that the whole scheme shall benefit the education of working women as much as the education of working men. It would be within the province of the Tutorial Classes Committee to consider any further steps with regard to the education of working women which may from time to time appear desirable.*

It should also be kept clearly in mind that the Committee has not dealt with the passage of boys from Primary schools to the University, holding this question, although at least of equal importance, to be outside its reference.

¹ A Statute extending the subjects under the supervision of the Committee for Economics so as to include associated branches of Political Science was passed through Convocation on February 23, 1909, and the regulations for the new course in Political Science have since been published.

PREFACE

AT a conference of working-class and educational organizations, held in the Examination Schools at Oxford on August 10, 1907, under the auspices of the Workers' Educational Association, the following resolution, moved by Mr. Walter Nield, President of the North-Western Co-operative Educational Committees' Association, and seconded by Mr. Sidney Ball, Fellow and Senior Tutor of St. John's College, Oxford,¹ was passed :—

'That this National Conference, consisting of working-class and educational organizations, affirming the growing desire on the part of workpeople for Higher Education, and anxious for the further co-operation of Oxford in the systematic teaching of historical, economic, and other liberal subjects, approves the formation of a Committee of seven persons nominated by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, and seven persons nominated by the Executive of the Workers' Educational Association, with instructions to report before Easter next to the organizations here represented, as to the best means of carrying into effect the suggestions made in the two papers read before the Conference.'

In pursuance of this resolution, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford appointed the following persons to represent the University of Oxford upon the Committee moved for at the Conference :—

1. Thomas Banks Strong, Doctor of Divinity; Dean of Christ Church; Chairman of the Delegation for the Extension of Teaching beyond the limits of the University.

¹ The papers read by Mr. Nield and Mr. Ball have been printed and can be obtained from the Secretaries of the Tutorial Classes Committee, Queen's College, Oxford, 4*d.* post free.

2. Herbert Hall Turner, Fellow of the Royal Society; Doctor of Science; Savilian Professor of Astronomy; and Fellow of New College.
3. Arthur Lionel Smith, Master of Arts; Fellow and Tutor of Balliol College.
4. Sidney Ball, Master of Arts; Fellow and Tutor of St. John's College.
5. John Arthur Ransome Marriott, Master of Arts of New College; Lecturer at Worcester College; Secretary to the Delegates for the Extension of University Teaching.
6. Hastings Bertrand Lees Smith, Master of Arts of Queen's College; Professor of Public Administration and Economics at University College, Bristol; Chairman of the Executive Committee of Ruskin College.
7. Alfred Eckhard Zimmern, Master of Arts; Fellow and Tutor of New College.

The following persons were nominated through the Executive of the Workers' Educational Association:—

1. W. H. Berry, Assistant Secretary of the Working Men's Club and Institute Union, representing the Educational Committee of the Co-operative Union, Ltd.
2. C. W. Bowerman, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary of the London Society of Compositors, representing the Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress.
3. Richardson Campbell, F.S.S., High Secretary of the Independent Order of Rechabites; Ex-President of the National Conference of Friendly Societies; representing the National Conference of Friendly Societies.
4. J. M. Mactavish, Labour member of the Portsmouth Town Council.
5. Albert Mansbridge, General Secretary of the Workers' Educational Association; member of the Consultative Committee of the Board of Education.