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TECHNICAL instruction may be generally defined as such specialised instruction as fits a person for any trade or profession. It may range from the adult instruction of the physician, the clergyman, the lawyer, the artist, through the preparation which is linked on to the secondary education of the middle class, and may begin for certain occupations in early childhood. The infant in Bethnal Green who helps his parent to make match boxes by the gross, the girl of twelve who goes to a dancing school with a view to entering the *corps de ballet*, are all receiving technical instruction.

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But the community at this moment are concerned with those forms of technical instruction which need and deserve public organisation and support.

The Act of 1889 (52 and 53 Victoria, c. 76) lays the foundation of public, systematic recognition of technical instruction as part of the duty of local authorities. That Act works partly by exclusion. No technical instruction given to scholars working in the standards of an elementary school may be aided by the local authority. This limitation not only excludes the mass of the scholars in elementary day schools from the operation of the Act: it also excludes those scholars in evening continuation schools who are receiving instruction in the more elementary section of those schools.

The definition clause of the Act is very