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IN
ECONOMICS

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These simple lessons are based on a course which seemed successful when given to pupils of ordinary ability during their last two terms in a reorganized senior school. During the previous term lessons inspired by the “Real Life Geography” of Dr L. Dudley Stamp were given. Beyond this all that was assumed was the usual knowledge of History and Arithmetic possessed by these young people. It was part of their training to make a fuller use of works of reference and certain sections of the newspapers than is perhaps usual. The personal observations of the scholars were worked into the lessons easily and naturally.

The value of the subject to school-leavers to prepare them for getting a living, spending money wisely, and living a life of social worth, is generally admitted. It is hoped that this course of lessons will not be found too academic in type for young economists: the aim, at any rate, was to be practical throughout.

The stress laid in the written version on the word Economics did not appear at first in the lessons. Terminology of that kind was steadily regarded by the author as a delusion and a snare; but the pupils dragged it forth: they undoubtedly liked to think that they were beginning a new subject with a name like that.
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