COMMERCIAL EDUCATION.

What have the commercial men of Melbourne, or the Government of the State of Victoria, done in the way of commercial education? This is a question frequently asked. The answer has always been the same, "practically nothing," and the reply is as true as it is startling. Why has this been the case? Is it because England, so long, and so long ago, has found a home for this kind of instruction - a home wherein the importance of the subject - ? Who are we to ask to educate and instruct in the commercial arts? Is the Government, by inactivity, unconsciously responsible? It is difficult to say, and it is difficult to say what is the responsibility of the Chambers of Commerce and manufacturers, the great commercial interests of the State. There are, however, some notable and important steps that have been taken. In Victoria we have a truly well-found school of commerce, and in Queensland we have a college of commerce. In New South Wales, a college of commerce has also been established. As far as I can learn, the Government has so far done nothing to further the cause of commercial education. The Chambers of Commerce, manufacturers, and mercantile interests, are the only ones who have taken the initiative. The Government has been idle, and has left the work to the business men and manufacturers. It is time that the Government should take the lead, and should assist in the promotion of commercial education. It is the duty of the Government to provide a proper system of commercial education, and to encourage the establishment of commercial schools. It is the duty of the Chambers of Commerce to promote the cause of commercial education, and to assist in the establishment of commercial schools. It is the duty of the manufacturers and mercantile interests to promote the cause of commercial education, and to assist in the establishment of commercial schools.

In the City of London, the Government has taken a lead, and has established a college of commerce. In this college, a course of study is provided, and a certificate is awarded to those who complete the course. The Government has also provided a grant to the college, and has guaranteed a certain number of places to the college. In this way, the Government has assisted in the establishment of a college of commerce, and has taken a lead in the promotion of commercial education. In Victoria, however, the Government has done nothing to assist in the establishment of a college of commerce. The Chambers of Commerce, manufacturers, and mercantile interests, have taken the lead, and have established a college of commerce. The Government has been idle, and has left the work to the business men and manufacturers. It is time that the Government should take the lead, and should assist in the promotion of commercial education. It is the duty of the Government to provide a proper system of commercial education, and to encourage the establishment of commercial schools. It is the duty of the Chambers of Commerce to promote the cause of commercial education, and to assist in the establishment of commercial schools. It is the duty of the manufacturers and mercantile interests to promote the cause of commercial education, and to assist in the establishment of commercial schools.

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