EDUCATION AND DEMOCRACY.

ADDRESS BY MR. MANSBRIDGE.

An enthusiastic audience assembled at the School of Mines and Industries on Thursday evening, when Mr. A. Mansbridge, M.A., secretary and founder of the Workers' Educational Association of England, delivered an address on "A society's need for education."

Mr. L. Grayson presided, and in introducing the lecturer referred to the success of the work in England.

W. H. A. was received with applause, referred to in appropriate terms the educational institution enjoyed on North Terrace. He thought the University, Schools of Mines Art Gallery, and Public Library were doing much for the education of the working classes, but he desired to sketch an ideal educational system. No State could at once bring into existence a complete educational system, but if they kept a lofty ideal before them they would move more and more towards it. In England the educational ladder which lasted nearly 200 years had been a success, and which started from the lower to the upper classes, or at a certain level.

He was assured it was entirely natural. Not many people could read or write, but in an educational ladder there had been many important rungs missing, and that was the purpose of the educational ladder, but of a broad democratic highway.

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THE EDUCATIONAL HIGHWAY.

"EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL."

LECTURE BY MR. A. MANSBRIDGE.

At the School of Mines on Thursday night Mr. A. Mansbridge, M.A., delivered a lecture on "A society's need for educational highway."

The address by Mr. Mansbridge was an address of questions, and the lecturer, speaking from the chair, said the lecture was one which would be of interest to all communists, and it was one which would be of importance to all who took an interest in the welfare of the State. The lecturer concluded with a few facts which he considered to be important, and he concluded by saying that the educational highway was the only highway which was open to all, and that it should be the only highway which was open to all.