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Reconstruction and post-war optimism

W Temple, President of the WEA, December 1918:-

"The way to real liberty and real justice is through education. ... The world is plastic now; before long the new lines will be laid, and any fundamental changes will become very difficult."

Committee, Reconstruction and Fisher Education Act, 1918

Published by the Workers' Educational Association, 16, Harpur Street, Theobald's Road, Holborn, W.C. I. PRICE ONE PENNY. DECEMBER, 1918. The Highway. OUR OPPORTUNITY. By THE PRESIDENT of the W.E.A.

The storm-clouds are breaking; the darkness that has lain upon Europe for four knowledge is, in the long run, impossible, and a-half years is being scattered. What is the world to be like in the new era? Are about a subject than most Englishmen we to drift back into old ways, with only an added bitterness? or is there to be a new spirit expressing itself in an order of life and of society which rests on fellowship and mutual trust, instead of mutual antagonism and suspicion? Above all, are the people to have effective control of their destiny? In the autumn and winter of 1914 I travelled about, at the request of the Executive Committee, visiting centres of our work and gathering

tions with regard to the carrying of work under the conditions of war. where I found the same state of There was an almost, though t quite, universal belief that we wer to go through with the war and e German nuisance," but coupled v was the firm determination that neshould it be possible for the peopl country to be called upon to shoo shot in a quarrel of which they had It is difficult now to re shock of surprise with which the created by the foreign policies of the nations broke upon the English generally. We have had a gr of political education in the la and a-half years. But at th it was easy to answer the cla a democratic control of policy by that before such control would sible the people must have a fa understanding of the issues at Knowledge here, as elsewhere, is It is not only that control withou

knew about foreign politics in 1914, they will, at the crisis, submit to the guidance of the professional; it is the patriotic thing to do, and the sensible thing to do; but it is not democracy.

In many departments of life Labour has won real power; it has been mainly in those departments about which Labour has won by hard experience a real knowledge. It

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Psychology Class Journal Annfield Plain, 1925-26

- An educated democracy or "disaster"
- Learning styles: "the tutor should not do all the work. To be a real live class, each member should contribute his or her share."
- "Modern Social Evils"
 "irreligiousness"; "senescence";

 "repression"
- Evolutionary anthropology and the mixing of racial "stock"
- Patriotism or 'heroism' Henry V or the Mosleys?



Report of Class meeting Oct 9th, 1/25

W. Richards read his report of the previous week's lecture.

W. Rutherford began his lecture by stating that it was the aim of the class to discover the practical value of the study of society.

by Mr Rutherford from houries book on Primitive Society " in which the written calls modern society a "peanters hodgepoid and chaotic fumble". If Lowrie is correct at must as students of society set ourselves the task of finding out how this has come about and why is it "hat we have not managed better. Therein his the value of our study.

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This generally accepted.



Wasted effort or a den of anarchists?

 "It was the Committee of an English Local Authority who replied to a tutor who asked for the loan of a room in which the students could meet, "If we let you have a room, you will make the place a den of anarchists."" [Reconstruction Committee Report, 1918, p207]

- Or not radical enough?
 - "the Wasted Effort Association"

And a perennial problem!





Women's lives: new horizons, new challenges

Lady Katharine Parsons, 1919:

"It is fully acknowledged that men will not go back to pre-war conditions; they must have shorter hours, more leisure, more wages. But as for women, they are merely told to go back to what they were doing before."

- Restoration of Pre-War Practices Act
- Women's Engineering Society
- 1926. Annie Errington and Bella Jolley
- The vote for some
- Surplus Girls









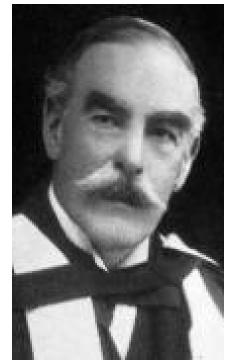
A fascinating misconception!

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WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION -As a result of the visit to Alnwick, at the in the local Tracios Council, of Mr J. G. Trevena, secretary of the above association, an endeavour is to made to form one or more classes under auspices of the Women's Educational Associa The society is non-political sectarian, and its object is purely educational A committee was formed with Mr A. Borrel of South Charlton, as chairman, and Mr F H. Alsop, Prudhoe Street, Alnwick, as hon secretary pro tem. A further meeting is t be held on Thursday evening, the 26th inst in the Wesleyan School, Alnwick, when fu information will be given and a class formed if possible.

Divided Opinions and Conscientious Objection









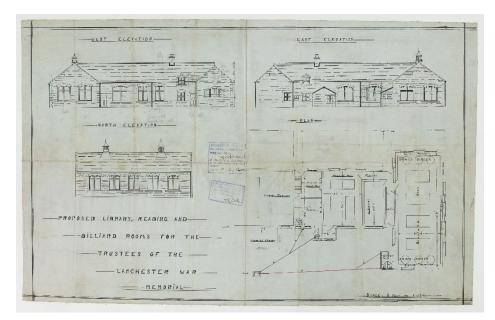


Reading Rooms

A long tradition

Memorial Reading Rooms

 Coops, Clubs and 'tutes



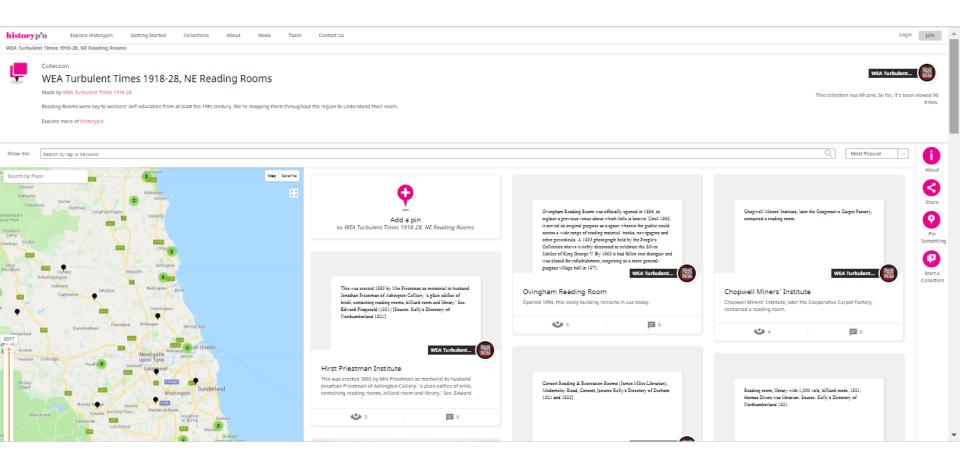
Plan of Lanchester Memorial Reading Room, 1923, RD/La 143/1756. Reproduced by permission of [the owner of the owner of the document and Durham County Record Office.





Photograph of a reading room in a working men's club (location unspecified), B T Hall, 'Our Sixty Years' (the 1922 history of the CIU)

Finding the Reading Rooms





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BEAMISH MUSEUM 8TH MARCH

Pop-up Reading Room Event celebrating International Women's Day, 8th March 2018, 10:30-15:30 March 8th, 2018











