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The widespread interest in the Poor Law and the problem of Unemployment has already led to so many enquiries that it has been found necessary to institute a Research Department to deal with the numerous applications for information on points of law or practice, or of economic theory. Applications are received, for instance, for information as to Foreign experiments in providing for invalidity and unemployment, as to the working of labor exchanges and insurance schemes, and as to municipal hospitals and the placing out of children. Enquiries are made as to the bearing of these experiments on the proposals of the Majority Report, on those of the Minority Report, and on those outlined by His Majesty's Government. Questions are asked as to the exact powers of the Local Government Board auditors to control policy, or as to the practice of the Home Office in assessing, according to its own customary scale, how much each parent should contribute for a child in an industrial school. The provision of authentic information of this kind, often to persons in humble circumstances in remote corners of the kingdom, is already becoming one of the most useful services of the National Committee. Replies can often be sent off on the same day; but in many cases special research is required, and the reply has to take the form of a memorandum. Contributing members and subscribers are entitled to make full use of this Research Department.



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