

Official Department.

July Examinations.—The July meeting of the Protestant Divisions of Boards of Examiners will, no doubt, give rise to a good number of mistakes. We have already urged upon the secretaries and members of the Boards the necessity of studying the new regulations in order that the examinations may be conducted regularly, and for this purpose a copy of the printed regulations has been sent to each Secretary and each member. But, from some of the letters of enquiry received, it is evident that some of them have not been opened. We again ask that these regulations be carefully studied.

The following points should be carefully noted :—

1. That only candidates of age to receive diplomas can be admitted to the examination.
2. That no *first-class* diplomas can be granted by the Boards of Examiners upon examination only.
3. That teachers holding diplomas that have not expired, from Protestant Divisions of Boards of Examiners, who produce a certificate that they have taught successfully five years, or a certificate that they have taught three years and a certificate that they have attended *three institutes*, are entitled to first-class diplomas without further examination.
4. That no member of a Board can take part in an examination in which his own pupils are interested.

Teachers' Institutes.—The time is drawing near for these annual teachers' gatherings, and we hope a large number of teachers have made up their minds to attend. In our June number we hope to give the name of the Secretary of each Local Committee to whom teachers desiring hospitality may send their names ten days or two weeks before the institute. The following is the outline of work as indicated in our January number :—

“In order that the work of the institutes may not be confined to a short session of four days, a course of study has been prepared which teachers may read up during the next six months, and so add very much to the value of the Institutes. At the close of each Institute a set of questions will be given to each member of the Institute who has attended regularly. The members will be required to prepare answers to these questions at their leisure and return them to the Secretary of the Department. When these answers have been examined and marked, the certificates of attendance, with the percentage of marks gained, will be mailed to each member. The lecturers at these Institutes will be Dr. Robins, Dr. McGregor, Dr. Harper, and the Rev. Elson I. Rexford. Dr. Robins will take up *Object Lessons* and *Goldsmith's Deserted Village*. On another page, Dr. Robins gives instructions concerning a preparatory course of reading,