

Prefatory Note.

The following Course of Study has been prepared at the request of many of the Teachers of the County who felt that some guide more detailed in its information than the Programme of Studies issued by the Department of Education, and upon which this has been based, was needed. The promise to prepare it was made some years ago but its completion has been hindered by many causes, some, at least, of which will be obvious to the teachers in the County.

In its preparation, we have felt at liberty to utilize suggestions and information gathered from a variety of sources. The needs of our own Schools and Teachers have, however, been kept constantly in mind. To aid the latter in their difficult and very responsible duties, to inform them as to the scope and character of the work which they are expected to perform, to quicken their professional zeal and to stimulate them to make their teaching more really useful and more productive of moral and intellectual growth, have been our objects. Whether this pamphlet shall accomplish these ends, or not, will depend, chiefly, upon the Teachers. To all, it will, we are satisfied, prove of assistance. To those who are imbued with a sufficient sense of the importance of their work and of its far-reaching influences, who feel (as all *real* Teachers do) the need for information, guidance, and inspiration, and who are willing to learn and not averse to work, it will, we believe, be a valuable aid.

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