

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

THE second series of meetings of teachers which Inspectors are now required to hold in each county, at least once a year, was held in the month of June. The interest which was manifested in connection with the first organization of these meetings was fully maintained. Seven meetings were held during the first two weeks of June in the districts of Bedford and St. Francis, under the direction of Inspectors McLoughlin and Hubbard. The attendance of teachers at Bedford, Lennoxville and Richmond was very large. The meetings at Waterloo, Knowlton, Magog, and Coaticook were not so large. Altogether a little more than fifty per cent. of the teachers of these districts put in an appearance at these meetings. This is very satisfactory, and yet we believe that, when the nature and importance of these meetings are better understood, there will be a much larger attendance. These are official gatherings, held by order of the Superintendent, and all teachers in the locality are expected to attend. The object of these meetings is to bring the teachers together for the purpose of consulting together concerning the best methods of carrying on their common work. It affords the Inspector a good opportunity to point out common faults and prevalent defects in the work of the elementary schools, and, by means of lectures from experienced teachers, to impress upon the younger teachers right methods and correct principles. It is, therefore, in the interest of the schools that the teachers should attend these annual meetings. Some School Boards have already requested their teachers to attend, and we believe the School Boards will soon require their teachers to attend these meetings as one of the conditions of their engagements. Such an arrangement would be just and fair, and it would certainly prove very beneficial to the schools. What School Board will secure the honor of taking the lead in this matter?

The Protestant Secretary of the Department was present at each of the seven meetings held to assist the Inspectors in their work. The time was occupied with subjects connected with the elementary schools, and the addresses given were listened to with much attention and interest. The effect which these meetings have had upon the work of our elementary schools is already very manifest.