

modifications are to be expected, and it is hoped that your frank and thoughtful criticisms will greatly assist in its improvement exactly as every bill introduced into every Parliament is extended, modified or altered and thus improved as the result of explanation and discussion during its various stages in the committee or in the full house.

I will now only allude, and in a hurried and general way, to some of the important changes which are suggested.

One of the first changes to be noticed is that instead of the meagre and vague outlines of the present curriculum, which make the text book all important, it is proposed to give where they would be helpful very full and suggestive outlines or topical notes.

These extended outlines will be very noticeable in the case of the subjects of the High School course. In some subjects such as Physics and Chemistry where the course is to be experimental, where laboratory teaching, and there is no better kind of teaching, is resorted to, no class text book shall be used.

Here and there, in both Public and High School courses, it will be seen that under the draft regulations I am inviting you to consider, more freedom is allowed, that there is elasticity instead of rigidity as heretofore; that the varying needs of different localities are kept in view, and a large measure of discretionary power reposed in Teachers, Inspectors and School Boards.

The single straight jacket course, unbending and inelastic, although useful at one time noticeably fails to meet present needs.

NEW STUDIES.

Some new studies such as Nature Study, Manual Training and Household Science have been recently