

Official Department.

The Summer School.—In July last a Summer School was held at Dunham Ladies' College, under the direction of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers. The object of the Summer School was to provide during the school holidays courses of lectures by specialists in three or four subjects for the benefit of teachers, at an interesting and accessible section of the province, where the expenses would be moderate. At the Dunham School an interesting course of study and an efficient teaching staff were provided, and the school was fairly successful, but it failed to receive the support anticipated from the teachers for whom it was organized, although the fees were only \$2.50 for the course.

The question of a Summer School for the coming summer has been referred to a sub-committee of the Executive Council of the Provincial Association of Protestant Teachers. In order that this sub-committee may have all necessary information at hand when it meets for business, a circular of questions has been issued to the teachers of Model Schools and Academies of the province concerning the time, place, length and subjects of the Summer School. Some encouragement has been received, and the subject is now placed before the teachers generally. From the replies received, the teachers seem to be in favor of a two or three weeks' Summer School in the month of July. The authorities of Bishop's College are willing to open that institution for the Summer School during the second, third and fourth weeks of July (8th to 25th), at the rate of forty-five cents per day, provided there are thirty members in attendance. During the second week in July the Summer School and the Normal Institute could be carried on side by side, some of the classes, perhaps, in common. To say nothing of the advantage of meeting in the University classrooms, it would be difficult to find a more beautiful place in which to hold a Summer School. The question now rests with the teachers. No definite arrangements can be made concerning lecturers, etc., until there is a reasonable guarantee of an attendance of at least thirty. Are there thirty teachers who will attend the Summer School during two or three weeks at Lennoxville? The subjects will be French, Drawing, English and The Science of Education. The fees will be three dollars for the whole course; the board and lodgings will cost forty-five cents per day. These are the expenses of attendance. Arrangements can be made to give those who attend the classes of the Summer School credit as members of the Normal Institutes.

Teachers can, therefore, carry on their institute work and Summer School work during the institute week, and when the institute closes they can continue their work as members of the Summer School. No further details can be given at present, but from this outline teachers will be able to decide whether they will attend or not. As the