

The following is the Circular of Directions for 1890-91, which has just been issued :—

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
QUEBEC, 2nd Sept., 1890.

DEAR SIR OR MADAM,—I mailed to your address on Saturday last copies of the revised Course of Study and the list of text-books, to which I desire to direct your attention. Although the use of the new text-books is not compulsory until July, 1891, they may be used at once, and in this connection the following points should be noted :—

Meiklejohn's English Language, in four parts, will form the basis of future written examinations in English Grammar, Language and Literature for the A. A. Certificate and for Teachers' Diplomas. This work can be obtained in one volume, or in four forms or parts, viz. : (1) the first hundred pages with exercises, which, as a separate book, is now being published in Canada, for 35 cts., as an elementary work to replace Bullion's; (2) the Complete Grammar, including Composition; (3) the English Language; (4) the English Literature.

The Progressive French Reader will, after this year, replace *Lectures Choiesies*, and may be used this year in Grade I. Academy and for the Elementary Diploma.

The Dominion Freehand Drawing Course is to be used this year, and the examinations will be based on it.

In History, Collier's Junior Class Book has been adopted instead of the larger British History, and this Junior Class Book, with Taylor's First Principles of Modern History will cover the English History for the A. A. and for the Model School and Academy Diplomas.

In Physiology and Hygiene, Cutler's Intermediate has been prescribed for the A. A. and for the Model School and Academy Diplomas.

The selections to be studied in the Fourth Reader (Gage's or the Royal Readers), with special attention to dictation, derivation, definition, grammatical construction and abstract writing are to be found from page 181 to page 298, and in the Fifth Reader (either series) from page 215 to page 373. The poetical extracts should receive special attention.

The selections in French for Grade I. Academy or Grade III. Model School are to be taken from the first sixty pages of *Lectures Choiesies*, or, as an alternative, from the first sixty pages of the Progressive Reader, with the first six prose extracts in either book for retranslation. The selections in French for Grade II. Adademy are to be taken from the whole of *Lectures Choiesies* or from the first fifteen of the extracts from *Lectures Françaises*, selected for the A. A. Examination, with the first six of the lessons in each case for retranslation. The extracts begin respectively on pages 10, 13, 15, 20, 32, 33, 37, 42, 37, 51, 56, 63, 78, 74, 76.

In the amended Course of Study special prominence is given to Scripture History and Scripture Knowledge. In addition to Maclear's text books your attention is directed to Harkwood's Notes of Lessons