

# EDITORIAL NOTES.

## MAY.

**M**AY! the merry month of May! The rested earth putting on her fresh covering to the delight of the thoughtful and to the inspiring of the careless. Preparation must now be under way for the usual summer vacation. The earnest teacher, the wise teacher, will be taking a thought how best to meet the responsibility of spending with profit the few weeks at his disposal in summer, away from the immediate neighbourhood of his school work. A change of activity is necessary, and, if possible, the schoolmaster should, if it were only by a few miles, change his land surroundings. Happily for us, Canada, Ontario even, abounds in suitable places inviting the attention of the "Army of light." Teachers should be good eaters and good sleepers; for generally these make good teachers. Good beefsteak, sound sleep and pure air give good healthy blood; without healthy blood there will be a poverty of ideas. Teachers, if at all practicable for you, have freedom during your coming vacation. Be not confined by the walls of the class-room, nor fretted by recitations. Be not entangled by the threads of routine. Make ready for the incoming breathing spell; make preparation for the new academic year, enjoy yourselves to the full: run, row, ramble, discard the fashionable dress, rusticate, laugh and grow, give scope to your fancy in reading; digest the strong meat; lay up in the treasury things new and old for use when on duty in your high calling.

## THE COUNTRY'S WEAL.

**T**HIS Session bills have been put through the House of Assembly affecting the interests of education from the Public School to the University. As regards the Primary and

Secondary Schools, the bills dealt with amendments only, no question of principle being involved. The bill in which the greatest interest centred was the one on Confederation of Universities; this bill included the Government's treatment of Upper Canada College. In regard to the latter institution, the general impression is that it has been "plucked" badly, and set adrift with only a financial feather or two left of its former endowment from the Crown. The proposal to put the new buildings for the school in the rear of the University buildings is a most unhappy one. Every schoolmaster knows what it means to the management of a Secondary School to have it in the thick shadow of a large institution attended by young men, properly left to the guidance of their own judgment; therefore, the buildings should be at some distance from the academic buildings in the University Park. What we wish to say on Confederation will have to be deferred for the present; truth to say, important changes were made in these bills at the very last sitting of the House, so that we could not deal satisfactorily with this important question. And this leads us to say, what has frequently been stated before, that we cannot understand why the Government should delay, to the very close of the Session, all their important measures. We take the liberty of suggesting that all the educational bills should have been on the table of the House the first or second week of the Session; thus, time for consideration and discussion would have been secured, and thereby the ample crop of amendments which is sure to follow crude and hasty legislation would have been avoided. Do, gentlemen, follow British practice in this regard to your own honour and for the country's weal.