

EDITORIAL NOTES.

ALL true educators in Canada mourn the departure of Prof. Young from the great work of his life here, but some where else he rejoices in the perfect Light. A notice of our friend will appear in the April number of *THE MONTHLY*.

WE are sure our readers will turn with interest to the appreciative article on "Queen's University and What it Has Done for Canada," by Fidelis. As is well known, the University during the last few years has owed much to the interest taken in it by its active Chancellor, Mr. Sandford Fleming, who has been one of its warmest and most faithful friends.

MATRICULATION EXAMINATIONS.—It affords us pleasure to direct the attention of our readers to the timely and valued contribution of Sir Daniel Wilson, President of University College, Toronto, on this question which is under consideration at present, and is of special importance to the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes. We consider the schools, at such a juncture, fortunate in having such an experienced and able adviser as the learned President of University College.

THE ENGLISH BIBLE.—The most hopeful sign of our time is the dissatisfaction shown on every hand with the inadequacy of the provision made for the learning and teaching of the truths contained in the Bible, the only book, amongst the heap of books of

modern days, commanding, when understood, the universal homage of the human spirit. Synods of Episcopal Churches, Conferences of Methodist Churches, General Assemblies of Presbyterian Churches, the representative courts of all denominations cry out aloud, telling of the duty resting upon the parent, the Church and the State to give earnest heed to this vital part of the education of our youth. Never has the religious press been so active in pressing on the attention of the public the absolute necessity of attending to the proper nurture of the men and women of the future. Most significant of all, magazines and educational journals are joining in this good work, and their representatives interviewing leaders of thought throughout the Continent as to the best methods of securing sound moral culture and religious training in the public school. What answer comes from those thoughtful men, what is their contribution to this ever-living question? Almost without exception they state, Let your teachers be Christian men and women and found your instruction upon the Bible, the whole Bible, now for emphasis sometimes called the Saxon Bible. Now to us both sides of this question are eminently satisfactory, the discontent and the remedy suggested. Most assuredly the people who become "the people of the Book" are secure as far as liberty here is concerned, and their face is steadfastly set in the direction of eternal freedom.

The Lord reigneth, let the earth rejoice.

WHEN the English took possession of the Island of Cypress it was annually ravaged by grasshoppers to such a degree that its crops were hardly worth consideration. In five

years, and at a cost of only some \$300,000, the insects were almost destroyed, and it now costs but \$8,000 a year to keep the land free from their ravages.—*Ex.*