

far beyond those of the first year and far beyond those of any war yet recorded in history. The Canadian people will make those sacrifices cheerfully so soon as they know what sacrifices are required. To help the people of Central Ontario to a true appreciation of these sacrifices a Speakers' Patriotic League has been formed at Toronto with headquarters in the University and with Dr. A. H. Abbott of the University Extension Committee as its secretary. The League stands ready to assist any town or society in Central Ontario in an educational campaign upon the war and its demands.

The Long Vacation.—Within a few weeks the schools of Ontario will close for the long vacation. For two months or more teachers will be free from school interests and school duties. It is well that this is so, well for pupils as for teachers.

This year's long vacation is unlike any vacation that has preceded it. The war has laid its heavy hand upon all schools and teachers. Disturbed economic conditions have reduced the number of withdrawals from the teaching ranks and filled the training schools with prospective teachers. The great midsummer migration of teachers from school to school and from Ontario to the West will scarcely be noticeable this year. Salaries will not increase, and where positions are vacated and filled, they may even tend to decrease. Teachers will not be free this year to choose their way of spending the long vacation. They cannot go to Europe, although the movement across the Atlantic has grown to great proportions in recent years. Uncertain financial conditions backed by the urgent appeals of Patriotic Associations will reduce seriously the numbers of those who will attend the Panama Exposition. Temporary positions in commercial centres, so eagerly sought by male teachers in the past, will not be numerous this year. Forced aside from these well-known ways of spending the vacation, many teachers will visit the holiday haunts of Ontario—the woods and waterways of the north, or will return to the home farm where the need of help has never been so great. Perhaps in greater numbers than ever, prompted by the serious temper of the times, they will attend the Summer Schools to improve their professional status.

Luckily for her teachers, Ontario's Summer Schools will be able this year to meet all possible demands. On the purely academic side these Schools offer instruction and examination in Model Entrance, Normal Entrance, and Faculty Entrance subjects and on the subjects leading to a degree in Arts. On the purely professional side they offer instruction and examination in agriculture, art, physical culture, the commercial subjects, manual training, household science, music, kindergarten-primary and auxiliary class subjects and in the subjects of the High