

to ignore his moral side. We believe that few schoolmasters would wilfully neglect the training of their pupils' characters, but under the existing state of things, when they have to prepare boys to begin life at sixteen or seventeen years of age, and possibly pass them through one or more examinations by that time, what are they to do? Parents insist on having their boys taught certain subjects which will have "pecuniary value," but they are notoriously careless about their moral—apart, that is to say, from their religious—training. Nothing tells more on manners than a sturdy manly morality. Fine feathers alone do not make fine birds. We want the heart in the right place, and the mind attuned to right thinking. We want gentleness, unselfishness, patience, consideration for others, decent

and courteous speech, readiness to oblige, desire to please, hearty good fellowship, and no superciliousness. We want high spirits which are not unruly, honest enjoyment and jollity without horse-play, fun without vulgarity, and a decent pride without conceit. And we do not believe that our boys cannot give us these. They are more sinned against than sinning. If they are neglected and suffer from neglect, the fault is not on their heads. And it is hard to say that it is entirely the fault of the parent or the schoolmaster; but surely it is not asking too much of the one or the other to so train their boys by example and precept that they may at least start in life with the kindly feelings, honourable intentions, and courteous demeanour of true gentlemen.—*The Private Schoolmaster.*

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE annual meeting of the Ontario Teachers' Association, will take place at Niagara-on-the-Lake in August.

THE thirty-eighth annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, will be held in Toronto, on July 27th. Prof. James Loudon is the Local Secretary.

THE American Institute of Instruction holds its annual meeting for 1889 on July 8-12, at Bethlehem, N. H., in the White Mountains. Mr. Ray Greene Huling, New Bedford, is the Secretary.

THE opening of the new Canadian Pacific "Short Line" to the sea is to be celebrated in St. John by a summer carnival, beginning on July 22nd. During the time of the carnival an electrical exhibition, regattas, etc., will be held. The carnival promises to be a great success.

THE National Education Association of the United States will meet at Nashville, Tenn., July 16 to 20. Mr. Frank Goodman is the Secretary of the Local Executive Committee.

PASS THE TORCH.—Nearly a year ago we announced our intention to publish brief historic sketches of our Canadian universities, colleges, grammar, high, and collegiate schools. Several have already appeared, and more will follow in the near future. It is a good and pleasant thing to preserve the memory of the past. The example of our fore-workers should encourage and stimulate us to pass the torch of light to those coming after, burning, if possible, with brighter flame.

UNEXPECTED.—One county in the State of Connecticut examine: In one school, four children, aged respectively ten, eleven, twelve and