

will open the following week. It is to be hoped that many of the teachers who attend the institute will go prepared to remain for the summer school. Principal Dresser will send a circular of information to any enquirer.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD summer school is one of the oldest and best known in America. Many of our most progressive teachers have attended it to the great advantage of themselves and their schools. The fact is, the teacher cannot afford to stand still. If he does, his stagnation is apparent to everybody, except himself of course. In other professions men are dealing with men, with intellectual equals. They have to be alert and ambitious in order to hold their own. The intellectual struggle keeps the mind fresh, active, keen and strong. The teacher deals with immature, not to say inferior, minds. He is *facile princeps* in his little world. He needs stimulus that his mind does not naturally get. Hence the summer school is a necessity for many, and an advantage to all teachers. See the announcement in this number of the RECORD on the advertising page, and ask yourself whether you can afford to stay away.

—THE June examinations will be with us once more before another number of the RECORD will have appeared, and teachers of the Superior Schools will be once more in the midst of their anxiety as to the results. The success of these examinations depends upon the manner in which they are conducted, and now that most of the deputy-examiners have come to know the minutest details of the routine, there is within view the possibility of having everything done in order. In conducting an examination of this kind there is no possibility of an irregularity escaping the notice of the pupils, and this in itself should be one of the strongest of reasons why everything in the shape of an avoidable irregularity should be discountenanced by the teacher, who, it ought to be understood, continues in charge of the discipline of his or her pupils during the days of the examination as at other times. But there is just as little chance of irregularities escaping the notice of the authorities at Quebec. The countenancing of irregularities, directly or indirectly, creates a nervousness among those taking the examination which readily enough reveals itself in the written answers. Indeed all the examiners are agreed that the school that always comes out best in these circumstances is the school where pupils answer the questions out