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SPRING, beautiful spring, is again upon us. To the student long shut up in du ty classrooms or among dog-eared text-books in the study, the coming of spring is especially joyous. Already the old bell makes a more musical sound on the soft air of spring. We begin to hear the sweet note of the thrush, the twitter of the swallow, and the shrill piping of the jay-bird. Again the campus becomes vocal with the merry shouts of jubilant youths just escaped from a long confinement. Others betake themselves to the hills and woodlands to gather the modest May-blossoms, sweet mementoes of the happy days when they gathered them by the roadside as they wended their way to the rural school house. The study room becomes less attractive. We like to stray out to inhale the perfumed air

of spring, 'where Zephyrus breathes on Flora,' and listen to the orchestra of the woods. Sometimes we take our text books out to the fields in our pockets, and *sometimes* we take it out of our pocket when we get there. It may be said that we should have our minds so disciplined that these external circumstances would not affect our power to concentrate our minds on study. So we should have our physical organisms so disciplined that we would not be affected by heat or cold, and could fast as long as Elijah did without experiencing any inconvenience. All we have to say, in reply, is that we have not yet become so disciplined, and we hope we shall not become so for a while yet. The Juniors begin to look forward with bright anticipations to the coming Geological expedition. This expedition, besides being of great value to the student of mineralogy and geology, is much valued as a distinct landmark in the college course. The Seniors begin to look gloomy, or it may be we misinterpret their countenances and they only look more profound. As, however, they are so soon to be thrust out from the protection of their Alma Mater, the former supposition may not be unreasonable. Yet though commencement day is always a season of many sad partings we welcome it with light hearts, as it sets us free from the bondage of tasks, which, of necessity, at times become irksome.

WE have been much interested of late in the movements of the Baptists of the Upper Provinces, in the matter of education. Especially have we been interested in the proposed establishment of a college in the Prairie Province. There is perhaps no country at the present time that is so much in need of, or that offers greater inducements to such an enterprise, as our rapidly growing Dominion. Is it not time that the denomination throughout the whole Dominion was more united both in educational and other enterprises?

WE are aware that mostly all of our readers have already seen the fitting tributes of respect paid to the memory of the late Rev. A. J. Stevens, as well as the honorable comments upon his life which recently appeared in the