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A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy New Year to all our readers.

OUR advertising columns will inform those in search of books for the holiday season where they may obtain them to the best advantage.

A CHRISTMAS Supplement goes with this number of the REVIEW, containing musical selections appropriate for school exercises.

THE attention which is given to recent books in this number will be appreciated by the many who buy useful books to a greater extent at this season than at any other.

THE space usually devoted to Work in the Classroom and Primary Department, is given in this number to the suggestive paper on Difficulties in Miscellaneous Schools, which will be found worthy a careful reading.

THE attention of teachers in Nova Scotia is directed to the announcement in another column by Superintendent MacKay concerning the delay in issuing the *Journal of Education*.

MESSRS. A. & W. MACKINLAY, Halifax, recently received an order from the Kingston, Ont., school board for number one of their "Classics for Canadian Children," for introduction in the Kingston schools. The excellence of number one was noticed at once.

The admirable Series of Observation and Drawing Lessons, published by the Macmillan Co., London, and reviewed in these columns a few months ago, may be obtained from T. C. Allen & Co., Halifax.

Do not allow the Christmas season to go by without securing that handsomely bound volume of "Canadian History Readings," just issued by the EDUCATIONAL REVIEW.

IN this number of the REVIEW, Mr. Kidner points out very clearly and directly the necessity—first, that the instructor in manual training shall be a *teacher*; and second, that he shall be equipped with a sound working knowledge of what he is going to teach. To get the very best results from such a system, and second the wise and liberal policy of Sir Wm. MacDonald, we should hasten slowly. It will be the wisest and surest course, and one that will ensure permanent success, to equip in the most thorough manner possible, the teachers who are to introduce manual training in the schools of these provinces. We should profit by the early experience of schools in the United States, where much money was wasted, valuable time frittered away, and the system rendered non-effective and brought into disrepute for a time by teachers whose zeal was greater than their knowledge. Mr. Kidner's note of warning is timely and worthy of the best consideration of our educational authorities and the teachers themselves.

THE sympathy of many friends has gone out to Inspector R. P. Steeves of Sussex, in the recent terrible loss he has suffered by the death of his wife, leaving four young children, one of them an infant only a few days old. She was an exemplary wife and mother; and her devotion to her family and the interest she took in her husband's work makes the bereavement a very sad one.