

under the editorial management of the present writer. Two aims have been kept steadily in view—the supplying of practical help for the schoolroom, with special reference to the demands of the Ontario school system; and the putting within reach of the teachers of this Province, and of the Dominion, of a bi-monthly supply of such educational matter, original and selected, as seemed best adapted to promote the intelligence, efficiency, and enthusiasm of Canadian teachers.

In striving to promote these ends, it has always been our desire to draw as largely as practicable upon our own home resources, and to encourage Canadian teachers to give one another through our columns the benefit of their own individual study, observation, and experience. Though we have never been satisfied with the measure of success attained in this direction, we congratulate ourselves and the many teacher friends who have come to our aid during these ten years that we have been enabled to set before our readers a very large and valuable mass of educational material, much of it of excellent quality, our patrons themselves being judges. For the invaluable help thus rendered from time to time by so many, and for the uniform kindness and courtesy we have received from our numerous subscribers in all parts of the Dominion and some parts of the United States, we desire, now that our pleasant relations are about to be severed, to make our sincerely grateful acknowledgments. We are also deeply grateful for the very many warm words of satisfaction and appreciation which we have been constantly receiving from our subscribers and readers all over the Dominion. Such messages have been our chief encouragements, from time to time, in the work, and now that we are about to leave it the memory of them is doubly grateful, as enabling us to hope that, in spite of many shortcomings, of which none can

be better aware than we, our labor has not been wholly in vain.

Circumstances having now made it necessary that we should sever the pleasant relations which have so long existed between him and our readers, the Editor cannot retire without assuring them that he does so with sincere regret, and that he will still continue to take a deep interest in the welfare and success of Canadian teachers of all grades. He will at all times hold himself in readiness to say or do whatever may be in his power to promote the cause of education in Canada, and, especially, to improve the condition of the Public School teachers, on whom the people must always rely for the foundation work upon which the excellence and stability of the whole educational structure depends. Especially and most gladly would he, should it ever be in his power, lend a hand in correcting the crying injustice to which these teachers, as a class, are now forced to submit in their receipt of altogether inadequate salaries.

For whatever of success *THE JOURNAL* has been able to achieve, the credit is very largely due to the very efficient staff of editors who have had charge of the special departments of the paper. Those who have been profited by the helpful matter regularly furnished by these writers will, we are sure, join heartily with us in grateful acknowledgment of the ability and faithfulness of those who have in this way done so much to make this *JOURNAL* what it has been.

With sincere well wishes for subscribers and readers, one and all, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

J. E. WELLS.

THE TARIFF DISCUSSION.

THE largest and most important practical question now before the people of Canada is undoubtedly the tariff ques-