

arrive until the second day. His Grace added that the Princess Louise was unable to be present at the opening meeting, but she hoped to meet those attending the Conference later. The large body of teachers visiting the homeland would, he hoped, be a good example to the home teachers to take journeys to other parts of the Empire.

The first subject discussed was the Rural Schools of the Empire, to which Superintendent Dr. A. H. MacKay, contributed a paper on "The Rural Schools of Nova Scotia."

The desirability of having an Empire certificate for teachers was very fully discussed on a resolution introduced by Inspector Dr. Jas. L. Hughes of Toronto, but after several amendments little was left of the original resolution except to affirm that it was desirable.

An English teacher said they envied their Colonial friends the privilege of coming over to the Mother Country, and visiting its institutions. British teachers were too poor to reciprocate. An invitation was here extended from the government of Ontario, asking the League to hold the next Conference in Toronto. This was accepted by acclamation. Dr. Hughes said he would try to do two things — to secure reduced rates for the delegates across the Atlantic, and to secure reduced rates not only to Toronto, but right across the greatest country of the Empire. (Cheers.)

There are other interesting features of the report to which we have no space to refer in this number, except to the presentation of a gift to Mrs. Ord Marshall, the capable secretary of the League of the Empire, on behalf of the Overseas delegates and British teachers.

CHRISTMAS BOOKS.

The best Christmas gift is a book — something that will give a pleasure for the whole year; or a magazine whose monthly visits will recall pleasant remembrances of the donor and the Christmas season.

A book that would be of use for every day in the year and that would be a benefit to a number of people, would be an ideal Christmas gift for a home or a school. Such a book is Webster's New International Dictionary. In nearly every community there is some public spirited citizen, who, if the matter were represented to him, might be induced to make such a present to the school, which for years to come would be a memorial of

his liberality and his desire for a broader culture. The REVIEW hopes that when these lines come to the eye of that citizen he will begin to think and then act.

There are many books appropriate to the Christmas season that are within the means of all, the reading of which would prove a veritable delight to young people and rouse fresh thoughts and new visions of the day and what it brings to mind. What is more appropriate to young or old than a good book?

The writer still has in his possession his first Christmas gift of a book. Well thumbed it is now and bears traces of having gone through at least one fire, but it always recalls the joy of that early Christmas.

Here are a few books that the REVIEW ventures to suggest with the prices, to which a few cents should be added for postage. They may be obtained from Messrs. E. G. Nelson & Company, St. John, or probably from your own bookseller.

Little Match Girl, by Hans Christian Andersen, price 25 cents.

Two Bites of a Cherry, by T. B. Aldrich, price 25 cents.

Hans Brinker (Christmas in Holland) by M. N. Dodge, price 60 cents.

Snap Dragon, by J. H. Ewing, price 50 cents.

Christmas Eve on Lonesome, by John Fox, Jr., price 60 cents.

Christmas Eve in a Palace (Traveller's story) by E. E. Hale, price 50 cents.

At Last (Christmas in the West Indies) by Charles Kingsley, price 50 cents.

Christmas Posy and Christmas Child, by Mrs. Molesworth, price 50 cents each.

Christmas Wreck and Other Stories, by F. R. Stockton, price 50 cents.

Christmas in Germany, by Bayard Taylor, price 50 cents.

Christmas Stories, by W. M. Thackeray, price 30 cents.

First Christmas Tree, Spirit of Christmas, Story of the Other Wise Man, all by Henry Van Dyke, price 50 cents each.

Christmas on the Nile, by Charles Dudley Warner, price 50 cents.

Polly of the Hospital staff, by Emma C. Dowd, price \$1.00, has no special reference to Christmas but has the spirit of Christmas all through; a good story.