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"Come now! let us go unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord made known to us," said the shepherds, when those angel songs had ceased to break the starry silence. Their way would lead them up the terrible hill, and through the moonlit gardens of Bethlehem, until they reached the summit of the grey ridge on which the little town is built. On that summit stood the village inn In the rude limestone grotto attached to it as a stable, among the hay and straw spread for the food and rest of the cattle, weary with their day's journey, far from home, in the midst of strangers, in the chilly winter night—in circumstances so devoid of all earthly comfort or splendour that it is impossible to imagine a humbler nativity—Christ was born. CANON FARRAR—*The Life of Christ*

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR to all the readers of the REVIEW! May it be a season of great joy to teachers and pupils alike. Christmas is the birthday of the world's greatest teacher. It is the Christ-child, such a one as our picture represents this month, that appeals to children. In all the joyousness of the season, in the giving and receiving presents, in all Christmas exercises, let the children constantly feel that Christ is the best gift of all. It was He who took children up in His arms and blessed them; who said, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." How this gift surpasses every other! Let this thought pervade the Christmas spirit.

Children liked to be loved and remembered at this time, and the teacher can make the schoolroom a bright and happy place, directing the Christmas spirit so that it shall reach parents who are indifferent to the needs and wishes of children, enter homes where poverty is always present, and also homes where the abundance of gifts make children indifferent to the real meaning of the season and indifferent to the needs of poorer children. The teacher can help rich and poor alike to share in the large bounty of love and good-will.

READ the "Business Notice" on another page.

MR. MATTHEWS' article in this number is an excellent introduction to geometry in the lower grades.

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT Dr. J. R. Inch announces on another page that a new Drawing book has been authorized for New Brunswick schools, and also outlines the manual training courses for teachers for the next term.

THE Natural History Society of New Brunswick has recently moved its collections and library into a commodious building, opposite the high school, St. John. This live and useful society will now have the opportunity of doing much more effective work in displaying its valuable collections.