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EDITORIAL NOTES.

WE take this opportunity to wish our readers one and all A HAPPY CHRISTMAS and A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

OWING to the demands made on our space in this number we are obliged to hold over editorial matter and several valuable contributed articles.

THE commendations that we frequently receive from leading educationists on the contents and appearance of the REVIEW, and our rapidly increasing subscription list, are very encouraging.

THE special committees appointed by the educational conventions of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island recommend that an Interprovincial Educational Convention be held during the third week in July, 1888, at St. John, and that the Executive Committee of each Provincial Convention be asked to approve of this and appoint sub-committees to arrange the details.

THE National Association of teachers of the United States meets next July, in San Francisco. Arrangements are being made for cheap excursions to the great city of the West. Perhaps the managers of the Canadian Pacific Railway would be induced to give a rate across their line, that would tempt some of our Canadian teachers to take a trip through our great Northwest, and at the same time attend the Convention. Who will move in the matter?

WHEN we want scientific apparatus for our schools we generally order from Britain or the United States, because we know what we want is to be had there. Yet we have to pay duty on the most of such apparatus, because the Customs Department has been informed that such goods are made in Canada. If that is a fact why will not these manufacturers properly advertise their wares? Getting equal value for our money, we would prefer patronizing home industry. There should be a considerable demand for chemical and physical apparatus in our schools, judging from the modernized curricula which have been authorized. When teachers enquire of us where a small laboratory, for instance, can most cheaply get its stock, we are forced to point them abroad at present. Where can we find these Custom House manufacturers? Canada is great. Is it in Atlantic, Mediterranean, Pacific or Arctic Canada? There should be a fortune for at least one Canadian in this line of usefulness.

"Several years ago two boys were seen tormenting a cat. Having twisted a cord around its neck, they were in great delight, exclaiming, 'See how its eyes stick out!' Was it inherited disease? Not at all, but example and nothing else. Their father was a zoologist and had been seen by them frequently putting live snakes in alcohol, and pinning struggling bugs to boxes."—*The School Journal*, New York, Oct. 8th, 1887.

WE give the above our unqualified contradiction. The boys were brought up under the care of a goody-woody-simpleton of an old woman, who used to lecture them on cruelty to animals, but was often seen killing the beautiful green larvæ of the *Pieris* on her cabbage plants by the terrible death of compression between the earth and the sole of her slipper, at the