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To all our readers—and they are more numerous now than ever before—the best wishes of the REVIEW are extended for a Happy Christmas and New Year. May the new year bring to all of you, by greater effort and study, greater gifts in teaching. To those who have contributed of their best to make the columns of the REVIEW more helpful, and to the many whose kindly messages have always been an inspiration, our grateful thanks are returned.

NEXT month the REVIEW will begin a series of articles on Canadian Literature which will extend throughout the year. Miss Robinson, who has been

so pleasantly known to the readers of the REVIEW for several years by her literary work, has undertaken the preparation of this series, which she will make useful and attractive for school purposes and reading clubs.

Rev. Hunter Boyd in his article in this number on The Federation of Rural Forces, offers some problems that await solution. He directs public attention to some great needs in our educational service.

Citizens, teachers, boys and girls of Halifax, have united to do honour to Mr. Alexander McKay, after an honorable educational service of fifty years, of which a large portion has been spent as supervisor of the Halifax schools. He was recently presented with an address and a valuable gold watch and chain.

THE *Journal of Education*, published by the Superintendent of Education of Nova Scotia, is more than usually important to trustees and teachers in its October number. In addition to the usual information and official notices given through this medium, it has useful expressions of public educational opinion, nature study information, and encloses to teachers leaflets on local nature observations. If the REVIEW and *Journal* were to combine their forces, the union might prove satisfactory as well as economical.

OUR picture this month represents King Alfred, surrounded by his family, bestowing half a loaf on a needy pilgrim. The king was hiding from the Danes at the time, and was in great straits to provide enough food for his family. The picture serves to illustrate that the giving at the Christmas season should not be confined to our immediate friends and relatives, but should extend to those in real need.

DURING this and the next month our subscribers will receive statements of their accounts. These are sent out at least once a year, and are not necessarily "duns," but serve as reminders, which will