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As another Christmas will have come and gone before the Educational Review appears again, we take this opportunity of extending to our readers best wishes for an enjoyable Christmas, a pleasant vacation and a happy and prosperous New Year.

The year about to close has been an eventful one in history. The greatest war the world has even seen has happily been brought to an end—a very satisfactory end from the point of view of Britain and her Allies. The Christmas season, over which the shadow of a world-war has hung for four years past, will be celebrated this year by us with a new sense of gratitude in our hearts.

A retrospective view of our work as teachers during the past year will reveal some disappointment as well as much of satisfaction. If we profit by the mistakes we have made they will not have been in vain.

We have heard much about the nobility of the teacher's profession, and it is without doubt a noble one. It requires training, patience, skill and character on the part of the teacher. Unfortunately these qualifications are not always appreciated by parents as they should be, and they certainly do not seem to be valued by school boards, judging by the salaries they pay their teachers.

A conscientious teacher, realizing that she is developing character in her pupils for future citizenship, will not be influenced by these things, nevertheless it is a fact that onerous duties, conscientiously performed, seem lighter when rightly appraised by those to whom the service is given. By common standards a teacher whose