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It is our custom to send out in December and January statements of accounts to our subscribers. To the individual these amounts are small and if promptly paid enable us to meet our obligations promptly. It is a great pleasure to us to acknowledge that the great majority of our subscribers meet our requests cheerfully, their ready response showing an appreciation of the REVIEW, for which we are doubly grateful.

Among the attractive calendars of the season is that issued by Principal Kerr, of the St. John Business College. It is a reproduction by the Osborne Company, New York, of the beautiful picture of Edwin Lamasure entitled "The New Moon." The artist's charming sketch of a rural scene lit up by the evening sky loses nothing by reproduction.

Teachers should drill their pupils thoroughly on the proper addressing of letters, with the correct spelling of names of places. Last year the Canadian dead letter office received 2,168,900 letters that had failed to reach their destination. This was largely due to the carelessness of people in addressing letters, and to the lack of instruction how to do this properly.

The President of the Educational Association of Nova Scotia, in pursuance of a resolution passed at the Annual Convention, has appointed the following Committee to consolidate, revise and edit the Common School Course of Study, for final presentation to the Council of Public Instruction—for rural ungraded as well as for graded schools: David Soloan, LL. D., Principal Provincial Normal College; T. M. Phalen, M. A., LL. B., Inspector of Schools, Cape Breton; W. R. Campbell, M. A., Inspector of Schools, Colchester; Alexander McKay, M. A., Supervisor of Schools, Halifax; J. E. Barteaux, M. A., Inspector of Technical Evening Schools, and late Principal of the Public Schools of Truro.

In the October number of the Nova Scotia *Journal of Education*, the semi-annual supplement to the report of the Superintendent of Education, there are many interesting matters beyond the usual statistical tables. These are selected with care and cannot fail to be of great benefit to the teacher and trustee. The following are quotations from recent numbers of the *Journal*:

"No other power than their own will raise the people's schools to the desired efficiency. It is now solely a question of more money from the school section."

"Within the last year no less than two little books have been published giving the date of the first Empire Day celebration a year earlier than the true date, 23rd May, 1899. Nova Scotia was the first country to make Empire Day a public school institution, (18th August, 1898), although Mrs. Fessenden, of Ontario, advocated previously a "patriotic day" which was the origin of the movement in Ontario."

"Lord Meath has carried the movement into every part of the British Empire; but it is the 24th of May, our Victoria Day, which he has been exploiting. Empire Day is a school day in Canada—a very important school day. Victoria Day is the holiday."

Find enclosed one dollar for REVIEW—a most welcome visitor to my home. L. D. J.

I have found your paper interesting in the past and quite indispensable on account of the Official Notices. I. G. F.