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The Christmas play that appears on page 108, was produced some years ago in a Nova Scotia School under the direction of the writer. It takes about half an hour to act, and is suitable for a Christmas closing, or a Sunday School concert where there is to be a distribution of gifts.

The December number will contain a shorter play written expressly for the REVIEW, and requiring less study and rehearsing than "Billy and Floss." The characters are from five to ten little girls, and as many little boys.

The Education Department of Ontario has issued a circular called "The War and the Schools," containing the special regulations for the school year, 1916-1917, as regards courses and examinations in history and geography, enlistment for overseas service, and employment on Ontario farms. A valuable part of the circular is the list of books and pamphlets for reference and supplementary reading. We would especially direct attention to the series of Oxford pamphlets, to be had in Toronto.

Oxford Pamphlets..... Oxford University Press, Toronto.

A number of paper-bound pamphlets, from 12 to 40 pages each, have been published separately at from a penny to eightpence. Many of these are also bound in series of five pamphlets, stiff covers, at 35c. each. The following will be found specially helpful:

- No. 21. The British Dominions and the War — Egerton..... paper, 8c.
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 - The Submerged Nationalities of the German Empire — Ernest Barker..... 25c.
- Prussian Poland, North Schleswick, and Alsace Lorraine are the nationalities discussed.

The "Daily Telegraph" war maps are to be had from the Students' Book Department, University of Toronto, at 30 cents each.

The school holiday granted by the Board of Education in New Brunswick for the purpose of raising money for the Belgian sufferers, though appointed for November 15, has in some cases been already observed, by permission, and with good results.

Teachers and pupils are working hard, and their efforts are being seconded by the public, so that a generous response comes in to the appeal. So far, twenty districts have sent in an aggregate sum of six hundred dollars. If this average is kept up the gift of the schools of the province to the homeless nation will be a liberal one.