

EDITORIAL

OUR Christmas number we send forth confident in the hope that it will be welcomed by Islanders wherever they may be. We feel a pardonable pride in being able to present, this month, contributed articles of so varied a nature, and particularly recommend Judge Warburton's papers, begun in this issue on Great Epochs in English Literature—a subject that is, we are afraid, greatly overlooked by our people of all ages and degrees. To but read this present article will convince any reader, with a love for Literature, that there is a rare charm and entertainment afforded by the English Masters of the Art. That pleasure will be derived from reading the articles of all our other contributors, is our sincere hope. It is a pleasure to have in this issue four writers who contributed to our earliest numbers,—Hon. James H. Fletcher, Mr. L. W. Watson, Mr. Webster Rogers, and Mr. George J. McCormac. And of all the others who have helped to make our pages worthy to represent our Island's taste in Literature, we think we can say that, besides being entitled to credit for their patriotism, they are also entitled to much praise for making our Island Magazine worthy of the place we are glad to know it now occupies in public regard.

AS regards the new hotel spoken of for Charlottetown, it is good to have the assurance that so far as Charlottetown is concerned our people have done their share in the matter of subscribing, and that further steps are only delayed while awaiting the decision of an outside party. It looks as if this great necessity were finally to be secured. When it is an accomplished fact it will be really seen what a good thing it will be for our city, and the Island at large.

IN *Donahoe's Magazine* last month appears a very racily-written sketch of our Province written by Rev. J. T. Roche, of Fairbury, Nebraska, (himself an Islander). Describing among other things the famous "Belfast Riot" which has been told of this magazine, he humourously observes that after the battle both sides must have occupied strategic positions—for both claimed a victory.

THE love of trees should be taught in our schools. But to teach children part that is of interest in connection with our trees would be