

IN THE EDITOR'S CHAIR.

THE CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

The first volume of THE NEW BRUNSWICK MAGAZINE is completed with this number, and to mark this period, as well as to honor the approaching holiday season, a double number is given. The word "given" is used advisedly, for it is in a large sense a gift from the publisher to the public for which no immediate financial return can be expected. A double number means double cost, and though the retail price is advanced for this occasion, the sales are but a small proportion of the edition, the greater part of which goes to those who are already subscribers, and who are presumably satisfied with publication as it ordinarily appears.

It was hoped that a much better Christmas edition could be issued, with a larger number of illustrations, but this would have been practicable only with a more liberal advertising patronage than has been extended. The publisher is anxious to show his friends how much he appreciates them, but the line must be drawn somewhere, even in the holiday season.

The contents of this number are such as to need no commendation. Prof. Ganong's paper on the Ashburton Treaty gives a view that is opposed to the popular idea that New Brunswick was a loser by the arrangement, but Prof. Ganong has more than theory to support his contention, and he makes a very clear case which every man in the country ought to study. His paper is a very important feature of this issue.

Mr. Raymond is so well known, and his work is