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WE HAVE been too extravagant with copies of our December number; we have not enough for file. If any reader can spare a copy it will be gratefully received.

ARE children getting what is their right? One sees a chance to doubt when Dr. Inch, superintendent of education, New Brunswick, says: "The old counties along the river (St. John) are the ones where the schools are closed and the children grow up in ignorance. In Kings county out of 172 schools 53 were closed, and in Queens there were 35 out of 115 closed." Is not this deserving of something

more than simple wonder at such apathy and indifference?

THE resignation of Miss Mary McBeath from the Moncton school staff to accept the principalship of the Dorchester superior school, caused a difference of opinion among the members of the Moncton board, which led to the resignation of the chairman, Mr. J. T. Hawke. The latter objected to the principle of a teacher giving up a position which she had entered into a contract to fill for a definite period. The other members of the board were inclined to take a more lenient view of the matter, holding that if a teacher can better her condition the trustees ought not to stand in the way. Boards elsewhere have usually been equally generous. The best plan, and one that would avoid misunderstandings, is to have a clause inserted in a contract providing for such a contingency.

We do not know the circumstances under which the teacher in this case left her position, but we presume that she was justified in doing so, as it is reported that all the members of the board, except the chairman, were opposed to any coercive measures. Such matters are usually best settled by the exercise of a little tact and sense of justice. But the REVIEW has had occasion to notice that a few teachers at times have not been as careful as they should be in consulting the feelings of trustees when they wished to void a contract. There are rights to be observed by both parties in such cases.

Among school papers, the *Tallow Dip*, printed by the students of the Netherwood School, Rothesay, N. B., begins its second volume with a neatly printed and most attractive number. Number two, volume three, of the *Nova Scotia Normal*, published by the students of the Normal School, Truro, contains several excellent and interesting articles. The holiday number of the *Academy Critic*, published by the students of the County Academy, Truro, was in matter and arrangement a model school paper.