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EDITORIAL NOTES.

IN wishing our readers A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year we have to thank them very cordially for their hearty support of the REVIEW, and for the many encouraging words that have reached us during the past year. We trust that for our teachers the new year may see much that is encouraging and elevating in their work, and that our common schools may reach a much greater efficiency and excellence than hitherto. This progress it will be the aim of the REVIEW to help onward with all its power, and we trust that its increased excellence during the coming year will be an index of educational growth in the Atlantic Provinces.

WE call attention to the advertisement of Mr. Ganong's work on the "Mollusca of Acadia," in the present number.

THE School Commissioners of Halifax call for \$90,800 for the coming year, which is an advance of \$4,850 on last year. At the same time they have declined to accept the \$1,000 per annum hitherto paid the Board, and have determined to serve without remuneration. Popular education in Halifax is rapidly extending, partly due, no doubt, to the

growth of the city. The efficiency of the schools has been developing with remarkable activity. The organization is so perfect that at the monthly meetings of the Board the exact condition of attendance, work done, and the wants of each department for the previous month in the whole city is known. If the Commissioners have decided to work for nothing it is not because their work is light and unimportant. The sense of duty well done for the present and future advantage of the city appeared to be a better reward, we presume, than the acceptance of a sum of money inadequate to remunerate their services, yet bearing the implication.

Will our exchanges and others please take notice of the change of address of the Nova Scotian editorship. EDUCATIONAL REVIEW, *Halifax, Nova Scotia*, instead of *Pictou*.

FREDERICTON is to be congratulated on having such a bright newspaper as the *Gleaner*, which has recently changed from a tri-weekly to a daily.

HALIFAX has at present very preeminent educational advantages. In addition to the public institutions so well known are many superior private schools. Opportunities are given every person. The Victoria Art School is filled with art students during the day, and in the evening persons engaged in business during the day are able to attend. The Medical College has just announced the following course of lectures, which will be free to the public:

Lecture 1, Water in Relation to Sanitation; 2, Air; 3, Ventilation and Warming; 4, Drainage and removal of excreta; 5, Habitations and soil; 6, Food; 7, Beverages and condiments; 8, Exercise, clothing, climate; 9, Prevention of disease and disinfection; 10, Individual hygienic management and a summary.

They are being delivered by the President of the College, Dr. A. P. Reid, A. M., Superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane. The Y. M. C. A. also offers a most valuable course. Professor MacGregor delivered during the first two weeks of December two able lectures on the "Circle of the Sciences" and "Facts and Fancies." Halifax should ere long give very evident signs of intellectual superiority among the greater cities of Canada.