

worry the teacher of the village school?" is often what he is found saying to himself: "Never mind him, my good fellow," is what his true friend often replies to him, in such moments, "God never permits the lie to live for long, and as long as you do your duty God is with you." And so say we at this Christmastide to all those of our teachers who are in any way worried with the village Machiavel.

—Perhaps at this time of the year, it would be pertinent for the literary editor to say something about the EDUCATIONAL RECORD and its prospects. The plan and policy of the RECORD has not changed in any respect for many years, simply from the fact that no provision has been made in its finances for further development, and if there is any ground for complaint now there was ground for complaint when the RECORD was started under the present regime. The work done by the editors may be said to be "a labbur of love;" and when any one demands four hundred pages of original matter for the mere love of the thing, he had better come down from his "high bad eminence" of anti-criticism and give them a helping hand. During the past year, we have had assistance from many of our teachers, and we return them our heartfelt thanks for their co-operation. From one teacher we received the complaint that we did not criticise "the powers that be" severely enough, and we had to write to him by way of reply "that the powers that be" did not want to be criticised severely, and could not well be so criticised in the EDUCATIONAL RECORD, seeing that that periodical was under their charge. Another has written saying that he would like to see the minutes of the Protestant Committee discussed more freely in the RECORD's editorials, and the correspondence; and we had to ask him how often he had sent us any communication on the doings of the Protestant Committee that had not been inserted. Another maintained that we had allowed the text-book committee to run things with a pretty high hand, but we had to tell him, in a private letter of course, that if he was prepared to make specific charges against the said committee, he had only to send his communication to the proper quarters. Still another has asked why we "do not pitch into the new scheme for religious instruction," and we had to ask him the same question by way of reply why *he* did not pitch into it, if he had anything to say against it. The fact is, were we to retaliate openly on the complainants on both sides, those who supervise the RECORD and those who read it, we would soon find ourselves in a serious sea of troubles. The editors are prepared at any moment to associate