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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Annual Convention of the Nova Scotia Provincial Educational Association meets in the metropolis of the Province this time, and on the last three days of the year. The usual arrangements for reduced fares, we presume, are made. Teachers from the whole province will, no doubt, find the occasion useful also for sight seeing and for business. The programme, printed in another column, shows that it will be one of the most important conventions of the association yet held. The array of educational talent is, indeed, an imposing one, and will attract, no doubt, a correspondingly large number of those engaged in educational work.

We take this opportunity to wish our subscribers, one and all, A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

We draw attention to the advertisements in this month's issue. The REVIEW is becoming every month a more valuable advertising medium.

We are obliged to hold over several articles and communications intended for publication in this issue. Correspondents should see that their favors are sent on or before the first of the month to secure insertion in that month's issue.

OUR criticism of some possibly remediable defects in the Nova Scotian educational administration has aroused some discussion in the Halifax press; but it has done good. It shows that both parties are alive to the importance of educational matters; and of all provincial matters none is of greater moment in itself. It is the provincial question. The government is disposed to do the best possible; but the great difficulty in every complex matter is to rectify one evil without producing another.

WE publish in another column the first part of the excellent paper on Patriotism, read by Inspector Brydges at the Provincial Institute at Moncton. The lack of a Canadian national song, one defect referred to by Inspector Brydges, has been supplied. "My Own Canadian Home," by Mr. E. G. Nelson, of St. John, set to music by Mr. Morley McLaughlin, has the sentiment of true patriotism and has become deservedly popular. The St. Croix Soap Manufacturing Company has made a beautiful reprint of this song, and with a modesty that is as delicate as it is rare have placed their advertisement on a back page where it does not in any way offend good taste nor mar the effect produced by the beautiful title page of the song. The company has generously presented a copy to each teacher in the dominion and to the scholars of the principal schools—nearly 100,000 copies in all.

The Executive Committee of the N. B. Educational Institute will meet at Fredericton during the last week in December.

James Hannay, Esq., author of the History of Acadia, is now engaged on a new work to be issued in February next, entitled, The Life and Times of