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**Editorial Notes and Comments.**

ALTHOUGH this number of the RECORD will, owing to unavoidable delay, not appear in time to wish the teachers of the Province a Merry Christmas, at the same time, the RECORD does wish them all the Compliments of the Season, and trusts that its wish may be fulfilled even if not conveyed to its readers in time. And besides, it is not too late to express the hope that the year of grace 1899 has much that is good and fortunate in store for all of us. May the cause of education in the Province of Quebec, and in the rest of the world as well, go on and prosper.

—It would be interesting to know to what extent our teachers make maps intelligible to pupils.

To many adults as well as to children, maps are conventional signs which give no adequate conceptions of the things signified. They furnish us with many names, but with few facts.

How many of us could, with an incomplete map of an unknown continent, fill it up in the following respects ?

Mountain ranges being indicated, give direction of longest and of shortest rivers. With the scale of miles or from lines of latitude and longitude give the distance from any one place to another, approximately. Coast lines being given, indicate mountain ranges and position of adjacent islands; rivers being given also, show where the largest cities and towns may be expected.

The completed map lying before us how many can form a mental picture of the continent with its mountains, hills, plains, valleys, rivers and towns ?