

THE FIRST YEAR OF THE REVIEW

THE EDITOR

THE present number completes Volume I. of this magazine, and it is with great pleasure that *The Dalhousie Review* combines a Christmas greeting to its readers with an expression of cordial thanks to all those whose support has so far made the enterprise a success.

For, while we are under no illusions regarding the assurance that can safely be drawn from a single year's trial, the *Review* has been so widely and sympathetically welcomed as to make quite clear that in some degree at least it meets a real need. Its circulation, larger even on its first issue than its promoters had ventured to expect, has increased ever since and continues to increase steadily. Arousing interest in the first instance throughout the Maritime Provinces, it has extended its appeal to all parts of Canada, and we have an encouraging prospect that it will establish itself as a magazine of national significance. Contributors, too, from the farthest separated centres of literary effort—not only from both eastern and western Canada, but from England, Scotland, Ireland, and the United States—have gladly availed themselves of our pages as a medium of exposition and discussion. Our reviewers in the press, both on this side of the Atlantic and in the United Kingdom, have bidden us God-speed in an undertaking whose educational possibilities they recognise and in which they are kind enough to say that we have begun well. Amid the abounding difficulties which, especially at the present time, are too well known by all who attempt journalistic work of this character, we have found that the trust we expressed at the outset in the co-operative enthusiasm of the Canadian public has not been misplaced. Nor should we omit in this acknowledgment of indebtedness a word of appreciation to those business firms which have made such large use of our advertising pages, and which—as we well understand—at the inception of a new magazine were moved to do so by no mere purposes of commercial policy.

Our plans for the second year are, in general, the same as those which we announced last April, but in detail we hope that we have profited by our experience. Recognizing that there is already a

large number of general Reviews to which it would be of little use that we should add just one more of the same type, we shall endeavour to keep the *Canadian* interest of our articles very definitely in mind. With this purpose we contemplate publishing historical papers on leading men of the Dominion and on features of our national development. Articles will appear at an early date on the recently published correspondence of Sir John A. Macdonald, on the growth of the educational system in the Maritime Provinces, on the fascinating story of the town of Shelburne, and on the early Governors of Nova Scotia. One of our contributors will present the case of the Privy Council as an Appeal Court for Canada, another will discuss the situation of the Railways, another the problems relating to Immigration. Recent developments regarding the Panama Canal will be explained and considered. We have at the same time in view to preserve and extend that side of the magazine which appeals to those whose interest is less in historical research and problems of public policy than in general literature and science. Our book reviews will be increased in scope and variety. Papers on the Dante celebration, on Sir Kenelm Digby, on Lord Rosebery's *Miscellanies*, on Faith Healing and Christian Science, on Ventilation and Hygiene, are among those which we propose to issue in the near future.

As the magazine grows and circulates more extensively, we shall be able to render a fuller and more varied service. It is for our public to determine how far these possibilities shall be realized. Last month a "Canadian Authors Week" was arranged by the enterprise of those who feel that this country should have its attention more strongly drawn to native literary work, and should be invited to stimulate more heartily this side of our national evolution. *The Dalhousie Review* invokes with some confidence the same patriotic spirit. Grateful to those who have helped us in our beginning, we go forward in the faith that with the same co-operation such promise as we have so far given will be not only fulfilled but surpassed.