

♣ JOHN BRITNELL, Toronto, also of Euston Road, London, hands us his complete catalogue (No. 3) of second-hand books, embracing a large variety mainly picked up in England.

LETTS' DIARIES.—Cassell & Company will from the commencement of 1886 be the exclusive publishers of "Letts' Diaries," and of the Christmas annual, "Yule Tide."

From the Copp Clark Co. we have received the Canadian Almanac for 1886. It is printed on toned paper, which is somewhat of an improvement. Reliable in all its details it fully meets the wants of the business man.

James MacDonald, representative of John Walker & Co., London, is at present in Quebec on his way west.

WILLIAM BRYCE, of London, starts for Germany the latter part of this month, and when he returns, will remove to Toronto, where at 31 Front street west he will do a jobbing business, carrying the same lines as he has done in London, making a specialty of toys.

W. T. BARKER, Trenton, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. W. J. Gage is trustee of the estate.

J. B. Lippincott, the well known Philadelphian publisher, is dead. He has been in business since 1836, assuming management of a business when 18 years of age.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ALEX. SCOTT, Barrie.

The holiday trade for this year was up to the average; quite as good as last year.

Cards sold very well, considering the extra competition, there being two new bookstores started within the last month. Holiday stock pretty well cleaned out.

J. M. HUDSON, Brantford.

With pleasure I can say my business during December 1885 was almost 50 per cent. more than December 1884. I have no good goods left over. In fact I did not have enough to supply demand.

My good cards are all gone. I have a quantity of cheap cards which do amount to much. I found it much to sell good goods than cheap truck. The card trade with me (I mean cheap cards) was not as good as I had expected.

J. K. CRANSTON, Galt.

DEAR SIR.—Our harvest is over, and we are settling down to our usual steady trade, which is still on the increase. Trade has been unusually good the past year in all branches. Galt has been having quite a boom of late, and still keeps the name of being the Manchester of Canada. Our holiday trade was all and more than we looked for. The day before Christmas was a rusher. Hundreds did not get waited on that came to buy presents at any price. My trade during the month was splendid; we

Spalding's

BASE BALLS.

STANDARD

BASE BALLS

RUBBER BALLS

Valentines.

OUR TRAVELLERS ARE NOW ON THE
ROAD WITH SAMPLES OF
THE ABOVE.

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