

a measure of reciprocal copyright. Through an excess of liberality in British legislation they now get all they want. As American subjects, they get copyright in the States; and by arranging for simultaneous publication in London, they secure copyright in England and also in the Colonies. By granting this privilege to American authors England has deprived herself of the most powerful argument in seeking reciprocal copyright in the States. This is an injustice to which English authors have not been sufficiently alive. Withhold copyright in England from American authors until English authors secure copyright privileges in the United States, and you will be doing wisely. As things are, reciprocity is all on the one side.

*Reporter.*—I presume this is why we are now unable in Canada to reprint certain American books.

*Mr. Adam.*—Precisely, and the injustice is here doubly manifest. Canada is made the slaughter-market for piratical editions of English copyrights, which, though they freely enter the country, we dare not reprint ourselves; while we are also restrained from reprinting in Canada an American copyright. While neither Canadian nor English authors have rights in the neighbouring States, why should the effusive courtesies of English legislation compel Canadians to respect the rights of American authors in Canada? It seems to me, it would be time enough to grant American subjects privileges in Canada when British subjects secure like privileges in the States. In this matter England, if she will strain courtesy to humor the States, should not expect Canada to humor English humors.

*Reporter.*—You are an advocate, of course, of international copyright?

*Mr. Adam.*—I am; but until we get this, I want Canada to be free to take her own line in regard to foreign copyright. I see no fun in allowing American publishers to find a market in Canada for their unauthorized editions of British copyrights, while the gratuitous legislation of England restrains us from reprinting in Canada American copyrights. I can understand England giving copyright to her own subjects, but I don't understand why she should give copyright to aliens who persistently refuse to respect the rights of British authors. England is not overrun with piratical editions of British copyrights as Canada is, and for that reason at least she should not impose upon Canada the necessity of respecting the rights of Americans in the Dominion while we can get no equivalent in the States.

*News.*—We present our readers this month with correspondence from Winnipeg and London, Ont. We had hoped to have had our arrangements complete for letters from the different Provinces, but so far have been disappointed. Our Montreal correspondent has failed to send us promised news up to the time of going to press.

*CHRISTMAS CARDS.*—Dealers are not inclined to purchase as freely as formerly, there being a prevalent idea that sometime, perhaps when least expected, the demand will in a great measure cease, and leave them with dead stock on hand. A new card, *The Mildmay*, has been introduced this season, and has proved to be very popular with the trade.

**BOOKS AND NOTIONS.**—The trade in these goods is at present but small, before another month, however, buyers must make at least of their selections for winter sales. Orders are very limited, so are collections. For some little time past notes falling due have been met a trifling cash payment and a renewal. These renewals were fully granted as there was every appearance of a good, or even abundant harvest, but although the bright prospects have been realized as regards quantity, the prices obtainable for grain have been so much below the farmers' expectations little has been marketed. Necessity only prompts a sale; the consequence is that country storekeepers have not been paid, and they are as reluctant to order as wholesale houses are to supply while overdue notes are in hand.

The rush for schoolbooks and supplies being over, there is now a period of stagnation, still appearances justify the belief in a good fall trade although somewhat later than usual.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS.**—This third number of **BOOKS AND NOTIONS** will, we hope, remind some of our readers that the subscription of 50 cents has not yet been remitted. Please remember that each subscription received will aid in making the journal attractive.



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