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Over five million copies of "Horner's Penny Stories for the People" have been issued. Cheap literature sells.

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The ages of five members of the Stationers' Company of London, England, who have died within a year, total 381 years, an average of 76 years each.

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A Mr. Ernest Benson has written a book, "How I lost £250,000 in two years." What troubles the average man of to day is how to make such a snug fortune, not how to spend it. And yet the book is said to be having an immense sale.

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The card catalogue, which is now considered an indispensable adjunct of every modern library, is also being largely adopted by business men, banks and others. It is far ahead of indexes for keeping lists of addresses, that are subject to frequent changes, in strict alphabetical order.

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Lost, Strayed or Stolen from the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Bill No. 124—An Act to amend "The Copyright Act" passed

at the 1888 session of the Parliament of Canada. Some people fear the poor Bill is hopelessly buried beneath the red tapeism of her Majesty's Colonial Office. A liberal measure of thanks will be accorded any person who can give any definite information on the subject. Apply to Sir John Thompson (the "Father" of Bill No. 124), or Mr. J. D. Edgar, M.P. (one of Bill's admirers), Ottawa.

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Technical education is making good headway in Ontario, and our young people of the near future will have every facility afforded them for becoming proficient in the special branch of art or science that may be selected. The Hon. G. W. Ross Minister of Education, is a firm believer in the good to be secured through the medium of Art Schools and evening classes for artisans engaged during the day; and he is doing a grand work in encouraging these institutions and classes. And yet we cannot help thinking it will be just as well not to have too much night work; for the boy or man who puts in a hard day's work needs the evening hours for relaxation and amusement. Let us keep to the daytime as much as possible, for study.

THE ABBE BOIS—THE CANADIAN
ANTIQUARY.

The tomb has recently closed over a writer whose name was a by-word for antiquarian pursuits in the Province of Quebec, and whose publications on historical subjects have reached far beyond the land of his birth—the Abbé Bois, F. R. S. C., Maskinongé, P. Q.

Louis Edouard Bois, first drew the breath of life on September 13, 1813, in an old tenement, corner of Notre Dame and Sous-le-Fort streets, lower town, Quebec, on the spot where the founder of the city, Samuel de Champlain, had erected the "Habitation de Champlain," two centuries previous. At a very tender age he was sent to the English school kept by Mr. Marsden, the father of the late Dr. Wm. Marsden, where doubtless he acquired that knowledge of the English idiom which enabled him in after life to prosecute in Eng-