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THE dose administered last month was not palatable—in some cases, in fact, it acted almost as an emetic. No more uncut numbers—though we are glad to find that many were pleased with the change. The great majority, so much used to the trimmed and easily read daily, did not fancy our idea.

We give elsewhere the opinion of George Bantley (no mean authority) on uncut books. We rejoice to know that our views are so much in accord with a genuine book-lover's, and to find ourselves in such book-loving company.

THE annual meeting of the Booksellers' and Stationers' Association of Ontario will be held in Toronto on the third Wednesday in October. The Secretary would be pleased to have any suggestions regarding subjects for discussion. Full notice will be published in this journal next month, and certificates to members will be forwarded in good time.

AMONG other topics will be necessarily the question of postage. We are all of one mind on the subject, but we should call the attention of the public to the great injustice.

SOME are inclined to blame the committee appointed by the Association for not having had an interview with the Postmaster-General during the last session of Parliament. Although no personal interview was had, through the member for Centre Toronto the matter was brought to his notice. He would not

under any consideration, take up the question of any change during the session.

NEW ORGANIZATION.—At a meeting of paper manufacturers, &c., held in the Queen's, Toronto, on the 7th inst., it was resolved to organize THE PAPER-TRADE ASSOCIATION OF CANADA, the membership to comprise paper makers, paper and bag dealers, straw and wood board makers. A committee was appointed to draw up a code of rules, which was done at a meeting on the 15th. Interim officers were elected as follows:—Charles Riordan, President; F. Ellis, Treasurer; J. G. Howorth, Secretary.]

IN THE JULY number we wrote, "Prospects for the fall trade are good. It is not likely that anything will take place to mar the hopefulness of the present." Not only has nothing occurred to mar the prospects, but everything has tended to brighten the outlook. The next four months should bring good returns. Still, our oft-repeated warning will be well to be repeated—buy sparingly.

Now is the time to see about collecting in accounts. Of course there is very little money to be had as yet, but it is the dealer's own fault if he has not his book accounts at a very low ebb before the winter sets in.

THE *Periodical List* is now ready for delivery. Those wanting a sample can have one by writing the publisher, who will give quotations of price.

WE have pleasure in calling attention to the first of a series of articles, "Impressions of London Booksellers," by R. W. Douglas, in this number.

WE are favoured this month with so much original interesting matter from our friends, that we prefer to write but little ourselves. Others' ideas always find place in this journal.

OWING to press of business, our printers were unable to issue this number till some days after the proper time.

IMPRESSIONS OF LONDON BOOKSELLERS.

Having spent a couple of months lately in exploring the book shops of England, the editor of BOOKS AND NOTIONS has requested me to write some of my impressions thereon. In complying, I must disclaim any intention of exhausting the subject. In fact, the American bookseller in England has a very palpable and ever abiding sense that the subject never could be exhausted. At the same time, while bearing