

Miscellaneous Matters.

THE first book printed in Ireland was the "Liturgy," in 1550.

A CHARTER has been granted to the Kingston News Co. (Ltd.) with a capital of \$10,000.

DISRAELI, the author of the "Curiosities of Literature," ruined his eyes by his indefatigable studies, and became almost blind.

GERMAN editors receive an average of \$6.71 salary per week; proof-readers, \$5.22; compositors, \$3.06; the devil gets \$1.42.

THE Kingston Whig, which has reached its sixtieth year, issues a reproduction of its New Year's address fifty years ago.

THERE are no less than eighteen different new books on Japan and the Japanese announced for issuance during the next two or three months.

ZOLA said recently: "After I have completed a book it no longer exists for me. My books are like the graves of relatives and friends once very dear to me."

DETROIT Sunday papers will no more be allowed to be sold or delivered in Chatham. Chief of Police Young has formally notified the news-dealers to this effect.

A DEVOUT Canadian editor of Three Rivers, having repaired his shop, invited in the local priest, and had him bless every department in the place. —Chicago Inter-Ocean.

AN employing printer advertised for a "first-class proof-reader," and had answers sent to the address "Nonpareil." Of the twenty-one replies received, four were addressed to "Nonpareil" and one to "Nonparell." When it is remembered that one of the elementary and indispensable qualifications of a proof-reader is accuracy in spelling, the humor of such applications must be evident to everyone but the applicants.

THE advertisement below is printed in a rural exchange. The distressing circumstances of the advertiser are taken into consideration in lieu of the usual rates for republishing it: "Wanted. Situation wanted. By a middle-aged cat, Maltese, widow, no family, in feeble health and reduced circumstances owing to an accident with a sausage machine; a good mouser and accustomed to dogs and children. Salary not so much an object as a comfortable home. Presbyterians and Reformers preferred. Would have no objection to act as companion to maiden lady. No triflers need respond. Address Whiskers, Box 1142, Reflector office, Clarksburg, Ont."

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THE capital letter Q will be found but twice in the Old Testament and three times in the New.

THE English Journal, the National Reformer, established 33 years ago by the late Charles Bradlaugh, M.P., has ceased to exist.

A HANDY and useful little monthly journal is THE IMPRINT published by the Toronto Type Foundry. It contains all that is new in the printer's line. —St Thomas Times.

BIZ continues to brighten our sanctum and should be read by every newspaper publisher. It contains many valuable hints on advertising; \$1 a year; 57 King Street West, Toronto.

THE Khedive has decorated Richard Harding Davis with the order of Egyptian Merit. He was pleased with an article that Mr. Davis wrote on Englishmen in Egypt in Harper's.

OSCAR WILDE says: "My idea is that every day should begin a new thought, a fresh idea, and that yesterday should be a thing of the past; forget everything unpleasant in the past and live for the present and the future."

THE J. E. Bryant Co. has made an assignment. This firm recently purchased the printing plant formerly used by Brough & Caswell. It has not yet been decided whether the business will continue or the assets sold out.

SENTENCES are growing shorter. Sir Thomas More, Lyle, Sydney, Spenser and others used forty to sixty words on an average. Even Macaulay used only an average of twenty-three and the imitators of the modern French school do not use on an average more than fifteen.

Old Type

Received in exchange for new at following prices, delivered at the foundry, less five per cent. for tret:

Old Type, - - - 9 cts. per pound

Old Plates, etc., - 5 " "

These are the most liberal prices quoted in Canada, and are made so in order to encourage printers to discard their old material and replace it with Point System type made by the Toronto Type Foundry. Zinc must not be put in with type.

Old type must be packed separate from plates, hell box contents, etc. If mixed with inferior grades the lower price only will be allowed.

Tret, as applied to old type, etc., is the refuse or dirt in the metal. In melting down one hundred pounds of old type or plates the furnace rarely yields more than ninety pounds of metal. Thus the type founder loses about ten per cent. of the quantity received from the seller. To compensate for this loss, the custom of the trade is to deduct five per cent. from the weight, and thus each party bears one-half the loss. Where there is an unusual proportion of refuse in the shipment the tret deduction is larger, but in ordinary cases five per cent. only is taken off.