## AN OPEN LETTER.

It is not often that we refer to the advertisements of other Firms, but, as only a partial statement of facts has been made in an advertisement that has appeared in this paper for the past three months, we would ask the Trade to note the following:--

Messrs. Barber & Ellis complain that another Firm (presumably ours) had been using a number on envelope boxes that interfered with their rights. This complaint, in the form of an advertisement, has been appearing in "BOOKS AND NOTIONS" for some months, although they knew that within a week after our attention had been called to the matter, we discontinued the use of that number by mutual agreement. This particular mark or number was of no possible value to us and had been inadvertently adopted in our factory, and we are credibly informed had also been used in a similar way by another Toronto Manufacturer.

Messrs. Barber & Ellis do not state however, that they were compelled to abandon their action when we entered a counter sult for a violation by them of one of our Trade Marks in placing on the market a "Globe" Tablet, our right to which had been established by Registration, due notice thereof having been given.

In view of the above statement of facts, their so-called grievances and repeated declarations that they have "Put a stop to this kind of competition, etc.," will be appreciated at their true value by the Trade.

W. J. GAGE & CO.,

TORONTO.

Wholesale and Manufacturing Stationers, Envelope Makers, Bookbinders, etc.