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tion has a pleasant side to it. Trial in one department will lead to the attempt in another, and if the publishers do not pause here and consider, in my humble opinion they will live to see the effects of their policy disastrous alike to themselves, the trade, and the people. I have an intimate personal acquaintance with most of the favoured ones extending back many, many years, and for the majority of these I have very high regard. I trust they may be brought to see the error of their ways and amend.

I remember seeing in the *American Bookseller*, a few months ago, some comments upon the condition of the trade in the United States, and dotted down the following extracts as being pertinent to our condition here in Canada: "It is, however, of more importance to the trade to increase its facilities of distribution; and this can only be done by UNITED efforts on the part of publishers to build up the retail business throughout the country to its due proportion." And further, "We believe that whereas the manufacture of books has enormously increased since the war, the number of retail booksellers has diminished to an alarming extent." The italics are mine, and I may add with Carleton's School Trustee, "Them's my sentiments tew."

AN O. B.

The following speaks for itself:

HAMILTON, Sept. 23rd, 1886.

DEAR SIR,

I beg to inform you that you are in error in stating in your valuable journal that I am dead. You have, no doubt, been misled by the report in "Bradstreet's" to that effect, but I am glad to say that I am still with you and hope to remain a subscriber to BOOKS AND NOTIONS. Please correct.

Yours truly,

H. S. WILLIAMS.

None rejoices more than we do, not only at his being still in the land of the living, but at the renewal of health; he had been a long time ailing. May he be long spared to thrive and prosper in the Ambitious City.

A Hamilton correspondent says that the reported death in "Bradstreet's" should have been that of D. McLellan, the long time Bible agent in that city.

WALKERTON, Sept. 28th.

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