

three houses actively entering the lists to bid for the business of the schools. The result of this rivalry will undoubtedly be to create an industry in this department of trade which will have a most stimulating effect upon the schools themselves. Already, we understand, it is producing beneficial results, for orders are coming in rapidly for supplies of wall maps in advance as yet of the facilities of manufacture. This fact is a gratifying one to those who take interest in school equipment and who would like to see a general refurbishing of the weapons in the geographical armoury of the schools and large drafts made upon the arsenals of supply. Another and positive advantage the schools now have, in the trade being thrown open to competition, appears in this, that the maps are all being constructed afresh, with the latest additions and the most modern mechanical and artistic improvements; and the competition that exists may be trusted to secure the continuance of this advantage. What we have seen of the issues of two of the houses engaged in the trade, those of Messrs. James Campbell & Son, and the Canada Publishing Co., warrant us in saying that the schools are to be congratulated in having such enterprise enlisted in their behalf. The announcement of the third house competing for the trade, that of Messrs. Copp, Clark & Co., also promises well for the advantage of the schools. Already five of the series announced by the Canada Publishing Co. have appeared, and for boldness of design and excellence in execution, with the advantage of being on a mammoth scale, they are worthy of high commendation and do credit to their well-known draughtsman, Mr. Bartholomew. The series offered by Messrs. Campbell are those of W. & A. K. Johnston, of Edinburgh, whose reputation for original geographical research, or painstaking accuracy, and for admirable workmanship, is of the most enviable and assuring character. All of these firms are bringing out newly-constructed maps of the Dominion and the several Provinces, which, we believe, have been drafted by able and competent hands. In connection with the Johnston series, the Messrs. Campbell have

designed and constructed an admirable map-stand (see model in advertisement) which can be used as a portable blackboard and, by the use of an ingenious but simple device, made to do duty in the display of four double-sided maps, with every facility of handling. Teachers and trustees coming to Toronto should not fail to see what the activities of these publishing firms are producing for the benefit of the schools. The Canada Publishing Co., we may add, have a series of globes, of a portable and inexpensive character, now under way, which will further emphasize the gain to education, in having the school-supply trade left in the hands of competent business houses.

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#### THE "SCHOOL JOURNAL" AND MR. ADAM.

In the "Publisher's Department" of the *Canada School Journal* for April, the owners of that publication hold themselves up to public odium by inserting a gross personal attack upon the editor of this magazine, the proper treatment of which, but for the possibility of being misunderstood, would be the contempt of silence.

It is to be regretted that people who have broken with truth, and whose ill-conditioned minds set no ideal before them in conducting a controversy than what journalistic ruffianism dictates, will assume a position and make use of weapons against which no fair or clean-minded man will care to throw himself. To those who know the present writer and his work in this magazine it will not, at any rate, be expected of him that he should travel in parallel lines with the journal referred to, nor bandy words with its owners in a matter which they shirk the public bearing of in favour of that conventional resort of a weak cause—personal abuse of one's opponent. We will, therefore, only say, that the immediate occasion of the Journal's attack was our criticism in the February number of *THE MONTHLY*, of the circular issued by Gage & Co., on behalf of a trade publication which the firm, in defiance of the School law, wished the Public School Inspectors of the Province