

One of the worst features of last summer's business was the demoralization in prices of base ball goods. Formerly there was a fair profit made on this class of merchandise, but the cutting by the jobber caused the retailer to lower his price, and we question if any money was made, particularly in Toronto, on what was formerly a source of rather handsome profit.

This year three Toronto houses are handling Spalding's goods for the Dominion—The Copp, Clark Co., Smith & Fudger, and H. A. Nelson & Sons. They are holding the prices firmly, and we do hope that the retailers will fall into line and keep up prices. May we ask these firms to sell only to the legitimate trade.

We would here make a suggestion. Should any undue cutting be resorted to, report the matter to the local Association, where such body exists, and they will try to adjust the matter,

A mistake was made last month in the price of "365 Old Oaken Bucket, variation, by Grobe, 40c.," in Strange & Co.'s advertisement; it should have read 20 cents.

DANGEROUS \$10 NEW COUNTERFEITS—Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto, Ont. Dated May 1st, 1871, Letter D. General look of bill good, paper good and bill well printed. The blue numbers are a little too light. The imitation lathe-work in both counters 10 is fair, but quite defective upon close inspection, especially with a glass. The same work, in large green letters in word TEN, is defective, and unlike the genuine in detail, but the general look of same is fair. The form and expression of the lion's mouth, and the form of the under lip is unlike that on the Genuine bill. The counterfeits have "Capital, \$6,000,000." The genuine of same date and letter (some at least) have "Capital, \$4,000,000." Back of note fair, but the colour is a much lighter green than the genuine, and the lathe-work there is somewhat indistinct and defective in minute detail.

THE OXFORD BIBLE WAREHOUSE.—The expansion of the business under the vigorous management of Mr. Henry Frowde has been so rapid, that the new premises, in Ave Maria Lane, have already been found inadequate. In order to obtain the additional space which has become necessary, Mr. Frowde has taken the upper part of the adjoining building, the whole first floor of which he has fitted up as a show-room. Here the different Oxford editions of Bibles and Prayer-books are to be seen in every variety of rich and costly binding, together with the publications of the Clarendon Press. Such a handsome and capacious show-room is an unusual appendage to a Row house, where in most cases the accommodation of customers seems to be thought of no consequence whatever.—*The Bookseller.*

A remarkable incident of the value of an advertisement in BOOKS AND NOTIONS was mentioned to us the other day by S. R. Hart (Hart & Co.). The firm advertised under the heading, "Out-of-Use Books," 24 copies of English Literature Primer. The purchaser was John Hart, of Perth, brother of our informant. The two are in constant communication the one with the other.

We are surprised that many have not taken ad-

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