

Editorial Notes.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. Robt. Coddington, agent in New York for the "Victory" press.

Mr. Wm. Walker was re-elected a director of the Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada, at Toronto, for the Montreal district, on December 27th, 1878.

John Riordon, Esq., proprietor of the Merriton Paper Mills and the largest paper maker in Canada, has purchased the *Toronto Mail* from Mr. Bunting. We wish Mr. Riordon as great success as a publisher as he has enjoyed as a paper maker, which is saying a great deal.

Wood's Household Magazine for 1879 is to be enlarged to one hundred pages with the January number, and a specimen copy will be mailed to any address for ten cents. Should any of our subscribers desire it, they can order through this office, in which case the *Miscellany* and the magazine together will be furnished for \$2.50 a year.

In conformity with the new law upon literary and telegraphic copyright, the Spanish government has resolved to terminate all existing treaties on the subject. The new act protects, among other things, telegraphic despatches, newspaper articles, parliamentary and other speeches, legal documents, dramatic and musical and anonymous and posthumous works and literary collections.

We desire to return thanks for the many handsome New Year Addresses and Cards sent to this office. Some of them are elaborately got up and beautifully printed, evincing a growing tendency on the part of Canadian printers, at least, to fine colored work. We are extremely glad to notice this improvement, because, heretofore, for some years, this class of work has almost been one of the lost arts.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Finlay celebrated their twenty-fifth (silver) anniversary wedding-day at Napanee Mills, on Christmas Eve. A goodly number of friends were present, some of the employés of the paper mill, including the two travellers and two directors; others of the officials were unavoidably absent. The presents were numerous and valuable. The host and hostess entertained their guests to two sumptuous meals. The latter departed at a late hour highly pleased with the evening's entertainment.

WANTED.—Copies of the Proceedings of the

National (now International) Typographical Union for the following years: 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1866, 1868, 1869. Also, any publications of Subordinate Unions and the parent body; likewise copies of constitutions, etc., (new and old), histories of typographical societies, with laws governing same, etc.; sketches of notable printers—particularly inventors; synopses from record books of the "ups and downs" of unionism, etc.; and the results of apprentice systems.

We have received from that veteran seedsman and nurseryman, James Vick, of Rochester, N. Y., a copy of his *Floral Guide* for 1879. This is not a mere catalogue of seeds and plants, but it is also a guide and instructor to those who delight in flower-growing or gardening. It is a handsomely printed book of 100 pages, containing upwards of 500 illustrations, including an elegant colored plate as a frontispiece. We strongly advise such of our readers as find pleasure in flowers, etc., to send five cents to the above address and get a copy.

The Supreme Court of Columbia has decided that a newspaper publisher is not a manufacturer or a tradesman in the meaning of the bankrupt, and is, therefore, not subject to the bankrupt law and not capable of being declared a bankrupt. A newspaper publisher, said the court, is no more a manufacturer or a tradesman in the eyes of the law than is an artist, and a newspaper is no more an article of manufacture or trade than a painting. No definition of the words "manufacturer" or "tradesman" has ever included the publisher of a newspaper, and the common understanding excludes him.

The *Michigan Herald* is the name of a monthly paper published as the official organ of the Ancient Order United Workmen. It is a purely benevolent and business organization, embracing among its members all classes, as well those who work with the head as with the hands; employers as well as employés; men of every vocation, holding every shade of political and religious belief. Its most distinctive feature is mutual life insurance. By paying an initiation fee and stated amounts at regular intervals, the members secure all the benefits to be derived from the principles upon which the life insurance system is based, with a positive assurance of a prompt and full settlement at death.