

annual gathering of the New York Staters may be so well attended that the boys, Ex-President Rodgers in particular, will find themselves called upon to make two bites of a clam. That the meeting will be a grand success we have no doubt, for the officers of the association are a pushing lot of fellows. Fred. Morgan will try, we presume, to take our last remark all to himself. He will be remembered as the young man who last year aided the progress of the steamer Stinard by *pushing* with a long pole.

Canada's—we should say America's—independent phonographic magazine, the *Canadian Illustrated Shorthand Writer*, has entered into its second volume. The May number of this popular monthly registers, according to our thermometer, several degrees higher than anything that the enterprising publishers, Bengough Bros., have yet treated us to, and we have had some interesting pages from their pot-hook press during the last twelve months.

The number which now covers a square foot, more or less, of our seventy-five cent table, opens with the portrait of a prominent shorthand writer, whose gentlemanly appearance and intelligent eye tell us at sight that he can be nothing but a Standard Phonographer. We learn from the autograph signature under the picture that the handsome young man is Alex. H. Crawford, and a biographical sketch informs us that he is the chief of the Ontario law-reporting staff, composed of seven first-class writers, to which position he was appointed by the Hon. Mr. Mowatt in 1876.

The brief sketch of Mr. Crawford's brilliant career concludes with the following lines: "Mr. Crawford is now a writer of Graham's system of shorthand, and does no discredit to it. He first learned the tenth edition of Isaac Pitman, but prefers Graham's system to that."

On page 8 we find a very sensible article, "The Shorthand Profession," from the pen of our good friend, F. W. Wodell, of Hamilton, Ontario.

The eight pages of phonographic characters in Graham's and the Pitman systems are very neatly lithographed, some of which are made particularly interesting by spicy chromos from J. Billy Bengough's funny Faber.

The page of *fac-simile* notes, "Leaves from a Reporter's Note-Book," presents a specimen of the reporting notes of one of the prettiest Graham writers outside of St. John. The reporter is our friend F. G. Morris, of Easthampton,

Mass., a gentleman who stands at the top of the ladder as a practitioner and teacher of Standard Phonography.

To do the *Canadian Illustrated Shorthand Writer* justice in the way of a notice of its May number would call for a fifteen-page supplement to our present issue, but as we are salting down just now with the hope of amassing wealth enough to carry our phonographic editor around the United States of America for ten days (without hard labor) during the hind quarter of the present month, we do not feel able to make any unusual outlay in connection with our publication. Our friends, however, may just now avail themselves of a favorable opportunity to gain access to what we have not furnished by sending \$1 to the publishers for the May number itself and the coming numbers of volume the second.

Mr. C. W. Treadwell, of this city, the official reporter of the Legislative Council, has published as a supplement to some of the leading newspapers his shorthand report of the debate on the bill to abolish the Legislative Council. The debate occupied four hours, Mr. Treadwell's report filling sixteen long columns. The excellent manner in which the work was performed speaks very well for the reporter to whom it was entrusted.

Mr. Treadwell commenced the study of Graham's Standard Phonography in June, 1880, and was able to do *verbatim* reporting in the following December, which goes to show that it is not at all necessary to waste four or five years over the easy task of conquering shorthand, when the student happens to be fortunate enough to fall in with the right system at the outset.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Graham celebrated their silver wedding at their residence, Orange, N. J., on May 6th. Only those who attended the first wedding had invitations, with an exception in favor of their daughter Minola, a beautiful and accomplished young lady. A very enjoyable time was spent. We join the friends in wishing the couple many happy years.—*Canadian Shorthand Writer*.

The *Journalist*, edited by Mr. R. H. Evans, is an English magazine of high standing, and we are delighted to know that it has recently secured a front seat in our exchange gallery. In the number before us the editor serves his readers with some very interesting articles and illustrations.