

are numbers of his old pupils still in this vicinity who remember him as a teacher.

He was a prominent member of the Universalist church and an outspoken temperance man. He was always a republican, and a few years ago was elected town clerk of Preston.

Mr. Wentworth leaves a widow and daughter. His last illness was a brief one. He was an unusually intelligent man, a facile and graceful writer, whose pen was in the service of many periodicals during his life, and faithful in all his duties and business relations.

[Mr. Wentworth was the author of the communication which appeared in the *Miscellany* some time since entitled "Old Printers Passing Away."—Ed. P. M.]

Setting Type with His Teeth.

A correspondent, writing from the "Golden Gate," sends us the following wonderful story:

"The most remarkable newspaper man in the United States lives at Angels Camp, in Calaveras county, California. His name is S. S. Waterman. He is 24 years old, and has been paralyzed ever since he was born. He was born in Angels and has never been away from the town but once, when he went in search of medical aid, but failed to find any. His paralysis is of the upper and lower limbs, which he cannot move. His speech is also affected, and it is only with difficulty that he can speak at all.

"Early in life he manifested a liking for movable type, which he placed in position with his teeth. He soon began to cut type out of wood, holding the engraving tools between his teeth when he used them. He made a good deal of block type in this way, with which he at present conducts a small job printing business. He also sets metal type with his teeth. Waterman was one of the founders of the *Mountain Echo*, a weekly paper now being published in Angels. He set a good deal of the type on the paper with his teeth, and, having a good education, manufactured his editorials and the articles as he went along. He is now out of the newspaper business and confines himself entirely to job printing and engraving. He does all the programme and invitation work for the town, frequently engraving special designs for his jobs. His presswork, of course, he cannot do with his teeth, and employs a boy to do that part of the work for him—the only part that he cannot do himself."

The "Kidder" Press.

The inventor of the "Kidder" Press has succeeded in bringing it to a very high standard of perfection, and, as a reward for his labors, has recently met with substantial encouragement in England. This machine had been on exhibition in London only about two months when an offer was made of £25,000 (\$120,000) for the English patent, with the right to manufacture in England. This was accepted, and the first instalment of £5,000 (a little over \$24,000) was paid over in cash in May last. The purchaser, a Mr. Levy, had thorough and exhaustive examinations made of English Patent Records and Medals, and sifted the merits of the press to the very bottom before purchasing. An incorporated company, to be styled the "Kidder Mercantile Printing Machine Company," is to be established, with headquarters probably at Manchester, for the manufacture and sale of this press. Elaborate working drawings and sample machines were recently shipped from Boston to England. Many orders for the press have already been taken and everything promises a gratifying success for the new company. We tender our congratulations to the inventor and patentee, Mr. W. P. Kidder, and trust this is but the forerunner of what is in store for him as the pioneer in adapting the web principle to job printing.

The Alphabet in Writing and Printing.

The proportionate use of letters, as given in Brewer's "Dictionary of Phrase and Fable," is as follows:

E,.....	1,000	D,.....	392	G,.....	168
T,.....	770	L,.....	360	B,.....	158
A,.....	728	U,.....	296	V,.....	120
I,.....	704	C,.....	280	K,.....	88
S,.....	680	M,.....	272	J,.....	55
O,.....	672	F,.....	236	Q,.....	50
N,.....	670	W,.....	190	X,.....	46
H,.....	540	Y,.....	184	Z,.....	22
R,.....	528	P,.....	168		

Consonants, 5,977; vowels, 3,400.

The proportion for initial letters is as follows:

S,.....	1,194	I,.....	377	V,.....	172
C,.....	937	E,.....	340	N,.....	153
P,.....	804	H,.....	308	J,.....	69
A,.....	574	L,.....	298	Q,.....	58
T,.....	571	R,.....	291	K,.....	47
D,.....	505	W,.....	272	Y,.....	23
B,.....	463	G,.....	266	Z,.....	18
M,.....	439	U,.....	228	X,.....	4
F,.....	388	O,.....	206		