

Leader in 1857. He soon rose to the position of assistant editor. In 1871 he accepted a similar position on the *Mail*, which had just then been started. For seven years he labored hard in this capacity until he was completely broken down in health, from which he never recovered to any extent. The deceased leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss.

AMERICAN.

Isaac Pitman's system is taught in the Bryant and Sadler Business College in Baltimore, Md.

Eli Perkins claims to be able to write shorthand—"a system of his own."

Garfield can write with both hands at once, his left handwriting being from right to left. So says an American paper.

Mr. A. H. Winton delivered an address at the Scranton, Pa., Institute last week on phonography, and interspersed his remarks by writing specimens of shorthand on a blackboard.

Sarah Bernhardt has engaged two stenographers to report the ministers and lecturers who denounce her in violent terms, with the intention of prosecuting them.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Miss Braddon's husband publishes her novels

A new press club has been organized in London.

Two hundred systems of shorthand have been invented.

The London, Eng., Y. M. C. A. has a shorthand class of 170 members.

Mr. Thomas Carlyle, the veteran author, is now in his eighty-sixth year.

Mr. J. E. Bailey, of Manchester, is engaged on "a History of Shorthand."

The British Post Office Department has ordered 20,000 Bell Telephones for the postal service.

Jules Verne, who has written so many improbable things, has received as his reward \$250,000.

Sir Walter Scott had an income for several years of from £10,000 to £15,000, being his receipts for actual writing.

The reporters in Ireland are having a hard time. They have to be protected by policemen at the Land League meetings.

London reporters in the vicinity of Fleet St. patronize the coffee restaurants instead of the saloons. So *Jayez* says in the *Meteor*.

Shorthand writers are in demand and obtain good salaries in India and New Zealand. The natives are not capable of mastering the art.

The United States has 179,204 miles of telegraph wire; Great Britain 108,000; Russia, 31,000; France, 25,000, and Germany 19,000.

London is overstocked with phonographers. Applications for positions by writers "of long experience" are quite numerous in the daily papers.

Dickens left \$400,000, and a considerable slice of this came from books, but it was his "readings" which made him affluent, and so, too, with Thackeray.

Isaac Pitman's system of shorthand has been chosen by Messrs. Ward and Locke for their "Universal Instructor," and Mr. Pitman will be asked to compile the lessons.

Whittier, the American Quaker poet, had his first poem published in the *Free Press*, a weekly paper owned by Wm. Lloyd Garrison. The poet was then in his nineteenth year.

Cotton Mather owned a Bible which contained a queer typographical error. The 161st verse of the 119th Psalm was made to read, "Printers have persecuted me without cause!" instead of "Princes have, &c."

Mr. Henry Pitman was one of the reporters engaged on the report of the meeting of the United Kingdom Alliance, recently held at Manchester. Mr. Pitman had his turn of twelve columns transcribed in ten hours after reporting it.

Mr. Henry Pitman has used the same reporting pen for twenty-five years. It is made of genuine gold, and is not much the worse of wear. Mr. Thomas Allan Reed has also a similar trusty friend which he has used for a quarter of a century.

Dr. Parker, of the London City Temple, is a phonographer. Mr. Henry Pitman says that in a letter he received from the Reverend Doctor, he said, "I use shorthand every day, and could not do without it. It is simply invaluable to me in every department of my work."

Lord Beaconsfield received \$16,000 for "Eudymion," or at the rate of fifty cents a word. This represents the largest amount ever given in England for any work of fiction. Scott received \$40,000 for "Woodstock," and George Eliot the same amount for "Middlemarch."

Lord Macaulay must have been gifted with an extraordinary memory if we are to believe that he once repeated the whole of "Paradise Lost" while crossing the Irish channel; and while waiting for a post chaise he read from a newspaper "Reflections of an Exile," and "A Parody on a Welsh Ballad," both of which he repeated forty years afterwards, although he had only read them once.