

## THE THIRD POSITION.

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To The Editor of the WRITER:—

In a former number of the WRITER, it is suggested that a reporter need not always adhere strictly to the rules laid down in the "Manual," if he could benefit himself by varying from them. Doubtless, he might derive much benefit, if he varied in regard to the positions for horizontal consonants, using the three positions instead of two, as laid down by ISAAC PITMAN, writing the third under the line. It would give him greater facility in reading his notes, distinguishing more clearly the third place vowels from the second. For instance, in the first position *m* with the *n* hook represents "Man," in the second "men" and in the third (written below the line) "mean." At a glance he can tell what vowel is indicated. It is true that he would have to carry the pencil below the line and lose some time, which to the young reporter is very precious, but his loss would be more than counterbalanced by the greater facility in deciphering his notes.

Yours truly,

A. E. FITCH.

## NEWS FROM BOSTON.

Mr. G. Allen writing from Boston, Mass., says:—"If the interest in the *Arts Artium* manifested recently by the Bostonians (and indeed New England in general) increases as it has within the last year, the most sanguine hopes of its most enthusiastic admirers cannot fall short of being realized. Besides being overwhelmed with almost an incredible amount of correspondence from interested inquirers, our first men have felt the tidal wave and have called on all the lists of our Reporting Bureaus and some of our students who have taken only a partial course to fill choice positions. The legislative outlook in regard to stenography, we are assured by the best authorities, indicates a very favorable change, and Massachusetts may show her sister states that her archives for containing laws to perpetuate her judicial proceedings are no longer replete with conspicuous vacuity."

In the London papers an advertisement has appeared from the Comptroller of Her Majesty's stationery office, inviting tenders for the year's waste paper, estimated at 1,500 tons.

## Phonographic Gossip.



## CANADIAN.

A shorthand reporter is to be appointed for the Wellington County Court.

EYVEL.—At Sarnia, on Friday, November 19th, the wife of Mr. Geo. Eyvel, of a son.

Mr. S. T. Bastedo has been appointed Private Secretary to the Hon. Oliver Mowat, Premier of Ontario.

The Great Western Railway Company employs sixteen shorthand writers, and the Grand Trunk thirty.

Mr. James Fahey, late of the Stratford Herald, has accepted a position on the editorial staff of the Toronto Mail.

Mr. A. J. Graham, formerly a Toronto artist has taken the management of the Canadian Illustrated News, published at Montreal.

Mr. DANIEL SAWYER, an Ottawa stenographer, manages the Phonetic Institute in connection with the Ottawa Business College.

Mr. Harry Kinlock, private secretary to Sir John A. Macdonald, has obtained three months' leave of absence in order to recruit his health.

Mr. George E. Lumsden, formerly editor of the Hamilton Times, has been appointed assistant Provincial Secretary of the Province of Ontario.

Mr. George J. Bell, late of the G. W. R. Mileage office, London, has been appointed shorthand writer to Mr. Edgar, General Passenger Agent, Hamilton.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. E. H. Fogarty, who was for many years shorthand reporter on the staff of the Fort Hope Times, but now editor of the Cobourg Sentinel-Star, is doing well. Mr. Fogarty is an accomplished phonographer, and a faithful disciple of James E. Munson.

At a meeting of the Parliamentary Press Gallery, held at Ottawa last week, the following were elected provisional officers:—J. B. McCready, St. John Telegraph, President; Carroll Ryan, Free Press, Ottawa, Vice-President; J. Lumsden, Mail, Secretary; Executive Committee, T. J. Bell, Hamilton Spectator; M. Duhamel, Courier du Montreal; J. T. Hawke, Globe, T. H. Preston, Free Press, Ottawa; and — Gibbons, Citizen, Ottawa.

Mr. Archibald Forbes, the war correspondent, was dined by the reporters and editors of Montreal lately. Forty-five were present, and several interesting speeches relative to journalism were made. Mr. Forbes considered that by well and truly reporting events that transpired, the journalist can elevate his position above the high point it has already attained.

The Toronto morning papers have perfected their parliamentary staffs for the opening of the Dominion parliament. The Mail's staff is composed of Messrs. ARTHUR WALLIS and JOHN LUMSDEN, and the Globe's of Mr. A. C. CAMPBELL, Mr. H. M. MATTHEWSON, and, it is said, Mr. T. J. RICHARDSON, recently the Hansard contractor.