

which we have written may be known among Printers (and the entire human race as well) only as a ghastly, shuddering remembrance of the past, and intemperance as a conquered demon in the future.

"We sprung from noble sires  
As were ever sung in song;  
We are bold with Freedom's fires,  
We are rich, and wise, and strong.  
On us are freely showered  
The gifts of every clime,  
And we're the richest dowered  
Of all the heirs of Time!  
Brothers then, in Union strong,  
We shall ever lead the van,  
As the nations sweep along,  
To fulfil the hopes of man."

Who is there among Printers who have so long carried the Cross, that will not help us to struggle for the Crown?

#### DEBT.

Debt, to the business man, is the hangman's rope around the neck of the criminal. From the moment he incurs it, he never is an absolutely free man until liquidation; is working for another, and wearing out body and soul in fretting against an evil day. It is as a millstone constantly grinding him down—grinding down self-respect and the respect of others. His every action is critical; he is watched, suspected, and the cultures of the law are ready—aye, and anxious—to pounce down upon his dead carcass. It loads him with mental if not physical shackles. He wears a ball and chain—is upon "the limits."

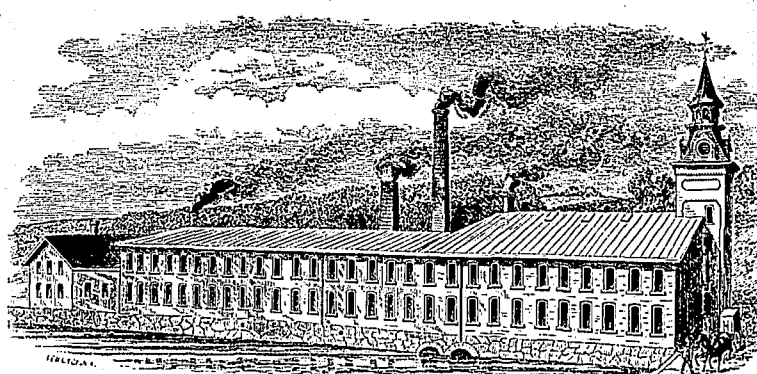
True, debt cannot always be avoided. It has sometimes to be incurred to successfully carry on business—to extend it. Right, if you can see clearly the way of payment, of prompt payment when the obligation falls due. Wrong, if you are simply taking the chances and depending on something to turn up, *a la* Micawber. But what follows if right? Common sense answers the question thus: "Pay—pay at the earliest possible moment." But better still, to "pay as you go." Then there will be no dreaded rock ahead, and your path will be an open and a prosperous one.

Custom makes the new year as a time of settlement, and it is a good time to wipe out all old scores. Let it be done. Let the ledger be balanced. Then will credit not sit weeping, and distrust be found stalking through the land; then will the "better times," talked so much about, begin to dawn upon us, and the year be fruitful, in promise not alone, but in sterling results. Then will eye look in manliness upon eye, hand clasp hand in friendship, and business be a triumph.

Unpaid bills will ever be the worst kind of a mental nightmare. Credit is but the flower planted beside the sharp thorns—the lure to more effectually wreck you on the rock. Beware of it; have nothing to do with it, if possible. It is merciless—cannot be otherwise. Save yourself while you can, if such a rock looms ahead.

COUNTRY PRINTERS who desire engravings of machinery, buildings, portraits, newspaper headings, &c., for themselves or their customers, by sending us their orders, can be sure of having the work done to their entire satisfaction.

We have received a copy of the "New Year's Address" to the readers of the HAMILTON TIMES. It is an excellent piece of workmanship, artistically designed, and beautifully printed. The TIMES is noted for its fine printing, especially since its job department has been under the superintendence of that practical printer, Mr. George M. Bagwell. We wish Bro. Bagwell many happy returns of the season.



POTTER PRESS WORKS, HOPE VALLEY, R.I.

#### POTTER PRESSES.

While the complaint of "hard times" among all classes, and the suffering and distress occasioned by the closing of mills and factories, and consequent loss of employment by the labouring class, is painfully prevalent, it is cheering to learn of a case where, instead of a diminution of business and the discharge of employees, it has become necessary to obtain larger premises and give to a greater number of skilled workmen constant and remunerative employment. Such is the fortunate—and we may add, in these times, exceptional—condition of the well known house of C. Potter, Jr., & Co., printing press builders. The pressure of an increasing business upon their shop facilities, which they have been able to meet hitherto only by rare tact and judgment, has at last compelled them to move into a shop not only more than twice as large as their former quarters, but where every modern and most approved appliance for the quick and easy handling of all sizes of castings and forgings, however large or small, are constantly available. We know of no place where a person, especially one with mechanical proclivities, can spend a day with more interest and profit than in the various departments of Messrs. Potter & Co.'s large and complete establishment.

The thorough system pervading all branches is everywhere apparent, and one of its most striking features is that in which, while the several departments are in themselves complete and independent, their respective finished productions must accurately supplement, or conform to, those of the others, so that the slightest defect is unerringly exposed and immediately corrected. The system of an exact and unvarying line of drills, taps, reamers, gauges and templates, so indispensable in the reproduction of the numerous parts of a machine, is here found in its fullest perfection. Here is seen, also, the beneficent workings of a system of discipline which appeals to the manhood of each workman, and to his sense of right and justice, making him keenly sensible of his duty and responsibility.

Not only has great wisdom and business ability been shown in the directions just indicated, but equally so in the location of these shops. Situated in Hope Valley, R. I., on the Shore Line Railroad, nearly equi-distant from New York and Boston, and having a connecting track passing directly through the shipping department, they have unequalled advantages for the receipt and shipment of goods, the delays and occasional accidents of trucking and

careless handling being thus entirely avoided. Another great advantage in this location is its absolute freedom from the many evil influences that surround the labouring classes in cities and large villages. Here are no drinking saloons nor periodic "strikes" with their attendant evils, but instead a community of sober, steady, industrious and intelligent men. And when to all these favourable circumstances we add the knowledge of the requirements of a perfect printing machine, begotten of a native-born love for this peculiar business, and perfected by twenty-five years' successful experience in its pursuit, what wonder is it if the result is seen in the production of machines that are to-day unsurpassed in the world—approaching, as they do, absolute perfection; nor is it strange that, while so many manufacturers are closing up their shops, and others are struggling against a declining demand, this house should be thriving under an increasing and profitable trade. We but utter the sentiments of all interested in good printing machinery, when we congratulate this enterprising firm on their deserved success and increasing prosperity.—*Printers' Circular.*

We are agents for the "Potter."

THE DOMINION TYPE-FOUNDING Co., Montreal and Toronto, are too well known to require any laudation at our hands. It remains only to remind printers that this foundry sends out better material than was done by the old company years ago, a natural consequence of age and experience. The most skilled labour is employed in the several departments, and, of course, the material turned out will compare favourably with that of any other concern on the continent. With such men as Mr. F. W. A. Osborne as manager in Montreal, and Mr. P. A. Crossby, traveller for the lower provinces, the standing of this foundry cannot be anything but good. The patrons of this foundry all bear testimony to the fair and liberal treatment received at the hands of the above named gentlemen. Printers will bear in mind that in addition to manufacturing plain and fancy, modern and old style types, cuts and typographical articles generally, they are also agents for the principal American foundries as well, so that what they do not manufacture themselves they can readily supply at the same rates as though it were not procured through them. Besides, they are agents for printing and bookbinding machinery of all descriptions, as well as the most celebrated printing inks.—*Printers' Miscellany.*