

ession of journalism leads to the consideration of the responsibility of the journalist. There is no other class of professional men on whom so great a responsibility rests. The duty of the journalist to-day is not only to present to the world a mirror of events, to hold up a record of contemporaneous history, but also to present this record in such a way that the proper lesson may be drawn from it. After midnight, within an hour or two of the time when the paper goes to press, the editor hears for the first time of some event of great national importance; on the spur of the moment, without time for reflection, he must present it to the world in his editorial in such a way as will lead his readers to look upon it in the right and proper light. When we consider these things we cannot overestimate the responsibility which rests upon him.

The great newspaper to-day is not the mouth-piece of politicians, or intended to promote the ambitions of single men who control them. As a class, the newspapers of to-day are independent, owned and controlled by men who have no special ambition of their own, and who are hence able better to judge events. The public service of this country is improving daily, and this fact is due, to a great extent, to the existence of a free and independent press.

I would say to-day to those young men who propose to enter journalism—you cannot place too high an estimation upon the calling you have chosen. Enter it with the idea of work. Journalism to-day demands a devotion such as no other profession requires. Of those who enter it not more than one-fourth continue to the end. The drudgery, the long hours, the incessant demands of journalism, are too great for many to bear. But to him who enters it able and prepared to undergo the necessary strain and toil, the possibilities of reward are great.—*Boston Globe*.

#### NEWS NOTES.

##### AMERICAN.

Mr. James Munson is at work getting material for a new and revised edition of his phrase book.

Eugene P. Newhall has resigned his position as private secretary to Mr. Scott, of the Chicago Daily Herald, and has joined the staff of the Toronto Globe.

Mr. J. C. Macabe, of Chicago, has accepted the position of stenographer to Mr. Keeler, Chief Clerk, G. P. and T. office at the A., T. & S. F. Railway, at Topeka, Kansas.

A new scheme on foot in Minnesota is to convey electricity by means of a telegraph or telephone wire from the Falls of St. Anthony to St. Paul, ten miles, and there operate a motor, and then, by means of shafting, etc., to run the presses of the *Daily Pioneer-Press*. If this works satisfactorily the power of the falls will be further utilized by the manufacturers of St. Paul.

Mr. Stephen N. Stockwell, served for a quarter of a century on the Boston Daily Journal. He commenced as a phonographic reporter, and through his skill, energy and ability he kept the Journal up to the highest point of excellence in all important speeches and trials, not allowing the New York papers to have any chance to beat when he had his own way. Webster and Choate praised him.

A new and important invention, in the way of an addition to the type-writer, is now being investigated. It is said that a nephew of Mr. Charles Sholes, Iowa, is, or, rather was, the possessor, but the owners of the Remington machine immediately purchased it, and are now applying it to their present perfected type-writers. We are glad to be able to be the first to announce the fact to the public.

A thrilling incident of the fire in the old World building, New York, is related. Miss Ida Small, amanuensis to Rev. D. F. Lindsley, author of Tackigrafy, was caught by the flames in the fourth story, and her only chance of life was to get on the sill of the window and steady herself by the telegraph wire which ran across the top of the window. This she bravely did, extinguishing the flames which singed her hair and skirts. The flames receding for a moment the firemen placed a ladder, with the intention of rescuing her, but it was too short. The only hope left was for the lady to drop into the firemen's arms, which, with admirable courage, she did, and her rescue was accomplished. Had she lost her courage, or had the firemen failed to stay her in her downward course, she would have been dashed to pieces on the pavement.

There was a nominating convention in Chicago some time ago, at which one of the editors of the Chicago Times was a delegate. This editor was one of the prominent features of the meeting, and wrote for next morning's paper an editorial article strongly endorsing the work of the convention. The same issue of the newspaper contained a city article, written by one of the reporters, as strongly condemning the convention and its work. The latter article even declared that nine-tenths of the delegates were "ward bummers and political hacks" of long standing. This so enraged one of the delegates that he rushed to the Times office to demand of Editor Storey an explanation. After patiently listening to the man's request for an explanation of the Times's inconsistency, Mr. Storey straightened up in his chair and replied: "My dear sir, you have lived long enough in Chicago to know one fact concerning the Times, and that is that every one of its columns is strictly independent of every other column. And it is owing to this fact that the paper has a greater influence than any other on this or any other continent."

##### CANADIAN.

At the close of the recent session of the Dominion Parliament, on motion by Mr. Stephen-