

by the Connecticut Valley route, we were met at the St. Alban's depot by Mr. J. H. Mimms, who, in 1874, was our *confrere* with Prof. Fowler. He had just returned from Albany (where he had been helping Mr. S. C. Rodgers in the Legislative gallery), in order to take proceedings in his own Court in St. Albans. At Brattleboro', Vt., we were shown through the famous Estey Organ Works by Mr. J. W. Goodner, stenographer to the firm, who expects to be present at the Congress. He represents Vermont on the International Committee.

NEWS NOTES.

CANADIAN.

Mr. W. W. Fox, of the *Mail* staff, has been presented with a well-filled purse by the editors and his fellow-reporters. Mr. Fox has just become a benedict.

The publisher of the *Orillia Packet* recently published a program of a church entertainment entirely in phonetic spelling without the aid of the new letters. The specimen was quite a novelty.

On the departure of Mr. Charles E. Clarke to take a position on the *Hamilton Tribune* his fellow scribes and the employees of the *Canadian* office made him a presentation and gave him a farewell address.

The advantages of shorthand and type-writing are illustrated in the case of a law firm in this city who employ two shorthanders and by the aid of these machines have quadrupled the work formerly done with the same staff of longhand clerks.

Mr. Frank Yeigh, private secretary to the Hon. A. S. Hardy, intends taking a tour of England and the Continent during July and August, starting next month. He expects to be back in time for the International Congress on the 16th August.

Mr. W. H. Huston, the young Principal of Pickering College, called on us the other day. He has charge of a larger number of pupils than have ever before assembled within the college walls, and he appears to feel the responsibility of the work. He has joined the army of benedicts within the past few months.

Dr. A. Hamilton, of Port Hope, is contributing to the *Times* paragraphs spelled phonetically without the use of new letters, but with adaptations of the various types from the printer's case, small capitals being used for emphasis or elongated sounds, and other letters being inverted to denote a change in a vowel sound.

Mr. J. J. Pritchard has been appointed teacher of classes in the Central Prison, and has over fifty eager pupils, who assemble two

evenings in the week. Mr. Pritchard, who is a phonographer, intends to introduce the phonic and phonetic systems, and, as part of his program, is arranging to teach pronunciation by means of phonography.

Mr. Croker and the publisher of the *Orillia Packet* offered prizes for competition among the members of the Mechanics' Institute classes in Phonography, and the prizes in the advanced class were given to Messrs Herbert Murray and E. A. Doolittle, and in the elementary class to William Morrison and Charles Kennedy. Mr. Morrison had only the benefit of half a term's instruction.

The *Hamilton Tribune* is the latest accession to Canadian journalism. It is a bright, pithy evening paper, under the vigorous management of Mr. John T. Hawke, formerly editor of the *Toronto Globe*. Mr. Charles E. Clarke, formerly of the *Evening Canadian* of this city, Mr. E. V. Martin of the *Port Hope Times*, Mr. Nelson of the *Spectator*, and Miss Nimmo, make up the staff. The *Tribune* is the first Canadian newspaper that has engaged a lady as reporter regularly upon its staff.

Mr. William Houston of the *Globe*, of this city, has delivered before several Teachers' Conventions and before the Canadian Institute of this city a paper upon phonetic spelling based on etymology. He has formulated a few simple rules with the object of securing etymological distinction where possible and of securing simplicity where the etymological argument does not prevent. He proposes calling a Convention of phonologists during this summer and establishing uniformity if possible. Under the new management of the *Globe* the rules for the proof readers' room are being revised and numerous spellings are being changed to suit the more advanced ideas.

Miss F. H. Churchill gave an evening of readings in Shaftesbury Hall on the 29th ult., under the auspices of the Shorthand Society, for the benefit of the Library Fund. The program embraced nine selections, illustrating the humorous, pathetic and dramatic, and was carried out most successfully. Paull's Orchestra of 30 performers, several of whom were shorthand writers, furnished selections during the evening. His Worship, Mayor Boswell, occupied the chair, and in his introductory remarks paid a high compliment to the shorthand profession, referring to the useful character of their work, in relation to commerce and literature. The entertainment was a success in every respect.

Mr. James Crankshaw of Montreal has successfully passed his examination as barrister, and is now fully fledged. The examinations were unusually severe this year, and considering that he worked at his shorthand reporting up to the last day of the term in December, we are sure all his confreres and many friends will congratulate him on his