

ful enough and sufficiently hardy to stand a test before which the former would succumb.

Are the ranks of the professionals to be filled by a sort of apostolic succession? As each member of the cabal dies off is his place to be filled by some favored relative (who has of course in the meantime been compelled to earn his living in some more obscure manner, "in order to restrict the supply," and not to crowd his fellow mortals) who will then, jack-in-the-box-like, emerge from his temporary obscurity, and be, "Dei gratia," a professional?

The best advice we can give to these professional objectors is this,—since these obnoxious and intrusive young persons cannot be ousted, "possession being nine points of the law," would it not be well to make a virtue of necessity, and by union constitute that lever which will move the commercial world to a larger pecuniary recognition of the services of shorthand-writers, and which will, by its regulations and the *esprit de corps* born of it, exemplify the old adage that "two heads are better than one"?

PROGRAM OF THE CANADIAN SHORTHAND CONVENTION.

The program will be varied and interesting, comprising original and unique features, among them being the following:—

PAPERS AND EXPOSITIONS.

Subjects connected with Shorthand Writing, Type-Writing, Manifolding, &c., will be discussed and illustrated.

Mr. Wm. Houston, M.A., late of the Editorial Staff of the *Globe*, has promised a paper on "Phonetic Shorthand as an Universal Medium in Writing and Printing."

Mr. John Bruce, Barrister and Stenographic Special Examiner, of Toronto, will provide a paper summarizing The Legal Status of the Stenographic Profession in Canada. This paper will deal with the profession as represented in the various Canadian Provinces.

Miss A. M. Ashley, of Belleville, will read a paper on Shorthand Writing, and Efficient Women to Write it.

Mr. Alex. H. Crawford, Chief of Staff of Official Reporters of the High Court of Justice for Ontario, will outline the Official Reporting System in vogue in this Province.

Mr. Wm. H. Huston, M.A., Teacher of Phonography in Pickering College, will discuss Phonography as a Branch of Education in Common Schools.

Mr. Frank Yeigh, Private Secretary to the Hon. A. S. Hardy, will furnish a Phonographic Pot-pourri

Mr. Thos. Bengough will read a "Shorthand

Symposium," summarizing opinions of business men, educators and others as to the value of Shorthand.

Mr. Thos. Pinkney, of Toronto, will detail the Duties of a Shorthand Amanuensis.

It is expected also that Phonetics, Visible Speech, and other subjects related to Phonography will be introduced.

The subjects treated in these papers will be open for discussion by members of the Convention. Volunteer papers by visitors and Phonographers who cannot be present, will be welcomed.

OPEN EVENING SESSION.

The City Council Chamber has been engaged for the Evening Session. Representative citizens and their ladies have been invited.

The proceedings of this Session will include an address of Welcome by His Worship Mayor McMurrich; Responses by Canadian and American representatives; an address by the President elect; Reading of Mr. Houston's paper; and a brief discussion, in which opportunity will be given to citizens present to express their opinions on the topics touched upon. Mr. Yeigh's paper and a summary of the "Shorthand Symposium" will also be read, and will excite discussion among the representatives of Commerce, Government and the Learned Profession who will be present.

The business of the evening will be despatched at an early hour so as to give opportunity for social conversation.

EXHIBITION.

An unique feature of the Convention will be the Exhibition of appliances connected with the work of Shorthand Reporting, with explanations of methods of operation.

Various styles of Type-Writers and Caligraphs will be displayed, also Mr. Horton's newly invented Typograph, which has been completed to such an extent as will exhibit its peculiarities. This machine is remarkable for simplicity, and possesses features of great value which every experienced operator will appreciate. The line of writing is constantly under the eye of the operator, thus enabling the dictator to follow and check the operator in punctuation, spelling, &c.

Mr. Charles T. Brown's Patent Folio Register for Type-Writing Machines will also be exhibited in working order.

The ingenious device invented by Mr. Thos. Pinkney, of Toronto, as a substitute for the ordinary note book, will be displayed. This device, called the "Papyrus," from its similarity to the ancient Papyrus Roll of the Egyptians, furnishes to the Reporter an endless roll of paper whose motion across the writing surface can be regulated at the will of the Reporter, according to the speed of the speaker. The time and labor of turning over the leaves of the note book are thus saved.

It is expected that other Type-Writing Machines and Appliances will be forthcoming. Specimen copies of the various Shorthand