

furnished such information in reference to the Court reporting in this Province as is calculated to aid in the inauguration of the system in the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Gilbert has advanced views on the subject, being himself a phonographer; and if the Legislature will adopt his views the Province by the sea will be converted into a paradise for phonographers. Already there are several aspirants for the position of law reporter. It is probable that but one will be appointed at the start, though four or five will eventually be required.

The latest journalistic enterprise in this city—the "breezy, brief and bright" *World*—is owned, controlled and conducted by two shorthand writers, Messrs. Albert Horton and Wm. F. Maclean. We have already given a biography of the former, in connection with the official *Hansard* staff, of which he is a member. Mr. Maclean has been for many years engaged in journalistic work, first on the *Hamilton Times*, and subsequently on the *Liberal and Globe*. He has had experience in every department of literary work on a daily newspaper, and was recently acting as amanuensis to Mr. J. Gordon Brown, the *Globe's* Managing Editor. Messrs. Horton and Maclean are young men possessing vigor, versatility, and enthusiasm, and the *World* will, we have no doubt, find a place among the established institutions. The early appearance of the *World* contributed to the death of the *Evening News*, which was to have been.

Mr. Wm. A. Sims, who was installed as shorthand writer to the Manager of the British America Assurance Company through the medium of the conductor of the *Writer* some four years ago, has been promoted, step by step, until he now holds the office of Chief Clerk, and deputy-manager. His duties are very important, as he must examine all risks assumed both in Canada and the United States. In a recent business tour to Atlanta, Georgia, he conversed with Capt. Harry Jackson, who is legal Reporter (not stenographic) for the State. He reports that shorthand reporting is not exactly recognized by the State, but they always have a stenographer to take reports of cases; and the Captain said he would as soon think of getting up his case without reading his brief, as to conduct it without a stenographer to take the evidence. He added that it was only a matter of time to have the system introduced into every State of the Union.

Mr. F. E. HORTON recently spent a half-day in a court room in the city of Buffalo, with the object of learning the mode of questioning adopted by counsel. Mr. Horton is writing to the *Law Journal* urging upon members of the Bar more careful attention to the matter of examining witnesses, with a view to relieving the stenographer of the puzzling position in which he is frequently placed by careless and unfinished questioning on the part of counsel, and the confusion created by witness and lawyers, all speaking at once. This whole matter was discussed at the Convention of the N. Y. State

Stenographers, and various methods were suggested for overcoming the difficulty. Mr. Horton was very favorably impressed with the regularity of procedure in Buffalo and the deference paid the Stenographer; but, Buffalo lawyers have been trained to good conduct, and, where the system of law-reporting is new, the difficulties referred to are invariably encountered.

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Mr. H. A. LANGFORD, lately of Chicago, has taken the position of Stenographer to the Assistant General Freight Agent of the Michigan Central Railway, at Detroit.

A CORRESPONDENT thinks the word "Scugog" is easy to write compared with these names of Stations on the Michigan Central Railway:—Tittabawasee, Zilwaukee, Kalamazoo, Ypsilanti, Dowagiac, Pokagon, Wasipi, Tekonsha, Owosso.

MESSRS. LOOMIS & AUGMENT, proprietors of the Sterling Business and Phonographic College, Sterling, Ill., are western agents for this Magazine. They have issued a pamphlet circular in reference to their College, and state this fact, quoting several paragraphs from the *Writer*. Mr. H. A. Augment has charge of the Phonographic Department of the College.

In the paragraph referring to Mr. James E. Munson in last month's issue a very elegant sentence was spoiled by the intelligent compositor. What we wrote was: "On behalf of his Canadian disciples and many friends we extend to Mr. Munson," and so on. The printer, no doubt, looked upon the first four words as superfluous, and neatly chopped them off. That is one kind of "be-half off," sure enough.

The July and August numbers of Mr. D. L. Scott Browne's *Phonographic Monthly* are going through the press at the same time. This fact perhaps will explain the reason of Mr. B's. non-appearance at the meeting of his State Association at Syracuse. He writes that he has been overworked for the past six years. No one will wonder at this who knows the hard fight he has had; but while we sympathize with Mr. B. in his personal afflictions we cannot but remark that he has gone through much unpleasantness that might have been avoided by a more fraternal attitude towards those with whom he should be a co-worker in the advancement of the art.

Mr. Charles Grimes received \$8.50 for reporting the testimony at a trial in Sterling, Ill. He had studied phonography but five months, and this was his first job. The *Gazette* says it gave excellent satisfaction. We do not desire to doubt this statement, but would rise to remark that it would not be safe for students generally to take this as an ordinary case. If we knew Master Charley personally we might speak more positively, but we feel safe in hazarding the assertion that he spent his study hours in unusually hard study, and not—as is the case with the average collegian—in ringing the changes on "Old Grimes," to whom, we presume, he claims no relationship.