

GEORGE AUGUSTUS SALA speaks at the rate of 200 words a minute, and uses a variety of French and Latin phrases.

EVERY time the button on the back of a man's shirt gives way, the recording angel finds it necessary to resort to his shorthand.

A MAN named Millar, at Ponca, Neb., was foolish enough to confess to a murder, when the citizens hung him before a shorthand reporter could write down the confession.

THE new officers of the N. Y. State Stenographer's Association are C. G. Tinsley, Syracuse, Pres.; W. E. Payne, Albany, Vice-Pres.; and G. H. Thornton, Buffalo, Sec. and Treas. The Association has thirty-nine honorary members.

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN.

MACAULAY used to speak at the rate of 330 words a minute.

A SHORTHAND class has been formed in Toowoomba, Australia.

THERE are only two shorthand associations in Ireland,—one in Newry, and one in Belfast.

MR. H. R. EVANS has purchased Mr. Nankivell's share in the *Journalist*, and is now its sole editor and proprietor.

GOVERNMENT reporters were present at the London Adelphi Theatre on the occasion of a recent Irish play, and took shorthand notes of the dialogue.

THE Belfast Shorthand Writer's Association has been resuscitated. There are three grades of membership—junior, intermediate and senior members.

C. P. STAFFORD, an Italian journalist, died recently at Kurrachee. He was the first professional shorthand writer sent to India, having joined the Bombay *Times* about fifteen years ago.

ISAAC PITMAN's system is taught in Spurgeon's College, London. The class meets once a week. There is also a class of fifty boys in the Stockwell Orphanage, of which Mr. Spurgeon is the President.

Editorial Notes.



THE September number of the *Phonograph* contained an excellent colored portrait of Shakespeare.

MR. Thomas is still continuing his dissection of Isaac Pitman's new Dictionary in the *Phonographer's Herald*.

MR. Butterworth's *Phonographic Monthly* is one of the best edited and lithographed of the English shorthand Magazines.

THE artist of the *Meteor* seems to have a weakness for delineating feminine forms. We are treated to one or more every month.

THE shot of the *Phonographic Monthly's* "pea-shooter" seems to take effect, if we can judge from the revengeful remarks indulged in by some of our English contemporaries.

WE have received an excellent photograph of Mr. James E. Munson, of New York. Any person desiring a copy for framing can obtain one by sending 50 cents to Mr. L. Rouse, Box 3722, New York.

WE give the first installment of an article by H. C. Demming, Esq., of Harrisburg, Pa., on "Practical Stenography." It was read at the last meeting of the N. Y. State Stenographer's Association.

A discussion is going on in some of the English shorthand publications on the subject of granting phonographic certificates. It is suggested that examinations be periodically held in connection with Shorthand Writers' Associations; that Inspectors be appointed by Mr. Isaac Pitman, and the certificates gained to be ultimately submitted to him for signature.

WE are glad to learn that Mr. W. S. Jordan, the Secretary of the Topeka Stenographer's Association, proposes to visit Toronto about Christmas. On behalf of the Toronto knights we bid you a hearty welcome.

THOSE of our friends who seem to require information on the subject are informed that this magazine is under the editorial control of Mr. George Bengough, Mr. Frank Yeigh being associate editor. Mr. Thos. Bengough occupies the position of a court reporter.

FRIEND Browne, in the last issue of his *Monthly*, charges us with "interpolating so as to gain recognition" in the matter of the report of the suicide of Mr. Harry P. Comegys, of Topeka, Kansas. In reply we will give the Secretary's official letter to us:

GENTLEMEN,—As requested by the Topeka Stenographer's Association, I forward you by mail to-day a copy of the Topeka *Capitol*, containing an account of the suicide of one of the most promising members of our fraternity, Harry P. Comegys, with a request that you will insert in your magazine the resolutions passed by the above Association, for the benefit of his numerous friends in the East.

In the last paragraph of the resolutions, you will notice only Browne's *Phonographic Monthly* mentioned. This was an oversight. Please insert after the words "New York City," and the CANADIAN SHORTHAND WRITER, Toronto, Canada.' By complying with this request we shall feel deeply indebted. I remain,

Yours fraternally,

W. S. JORDAN, Sec'y.