

PIONEER OF SHORTHAND

ISAAC PITMAN CENTENARY HAS
JUST BEEN CELEBRATED.

The inventor of the widely-known
System of Stenography Brought
Out His New Idea When Queen
Victoria Ascended the Throne—
Was Trained as a Teacher and Was
an Omnivorous Reader.

The centenary of the birth of Isaac
Pitman fell on January 4th, and the
event recalled stimulating memories
of the man and his work among old
photographers, and for many young
ones it was an opportunity of shar-
ing in a celebration of interest
throughout the English-speaking
world and beyond it, says Alfred
Kingston, who was closely associated
with the celebrated Englishman.

Outside a small circle, Isaac Pit-
man, the inventor of a system of
shorthand, now in world-wide use,
would never have been very well
known, so busy was he at his desk
from 6 a.m. till 10 p.m., but for that
marvellous faculty of his for "talk-
ing on paper," as he described his short-
hand correspondence. It was largely
through this channel, in an inter-
course extending over a hundred
years, that I learned to know Isaac
Pitman best, for it was in that way
that he revealed himself and the mo-
tives and methods which prompted
and characterized his almost super-
human industry.

But, whether through occasional op-
portunities for personal contact, or
through the medium of his shorthand
letter-writing, I think one may safely
say that the impression you formed
of him was always, first and fore-
most, his uniring capacity for work—
scrupulously accurate, effective, and
convincing work. If the world regard-
ed him as a dreamer, he saw the
practical point at which his work
touched the work of the world. How
intensely Isaac Pitman saw by faith
what that contact was going to be in
the future I am reminded by a pile
of his stimulating letters which are
now before me as I write. But of
these more presently.

This is not the place for a biography
of Isaac Pitman; the story of his
career is admirably told in the "Life"
of Sir Isaac, by Mr. Alfred Baker. It
must suffice here to say that Isaac
Pitman was one of a family of eleven
children, born to Samuel Pitman, a
cloth factory overseer of Trowbridge,
Wiltshire, in which town Isaac was
born; that he was trained for the
teaching profession at the Borough
Road Training College; that as a
youth he read all the books he could
get, including Walker's Dictionary,
from cover to cover, writing out 2,000
words of the pronunciation of which
he had a doubt—not a bad prepara-
tion for the future invention of a sys-
tem of shorthand which was to revolu-
tionize the basis and practice of the
art.

"With the instinctive love of knowl-
edge common to all boys," he wrote
later in life, "I began to study short-
hand. I thought it would be a great
advantage to write six times as fast
as I had been accustomed to, and I
borrowed a book, read it through,
copied the alphabet and arbitrary
words, and have written shorthand
ever since."

It was Harding's edition of Tay-
lor's system that he first learned,
and he had not practiced it long be-
fore he was seized with a passion for
teaching it to everybody else, and, in
order to popularize its use in schools,
he prepared a text-book and submit-
ted it to Mr. Samuel Bagster, the
London publisher, to whom he had
done a notable service by revising the
whole of the marginal references in
"Bagster's Comprehensive Bible."

And here came in one of those lit-
tle accidents which have played their
part in the romance of invention. Sam-
uel Bagster, the publisher, showed
Isaac Pitman's manuscript to a pro-
fessional reporter, who gave this ad-
vice:

"The system Mr. Pitman has sent
you is already on the market. If he
will compile a new system I think
you will be more likely to succeed in
your object of popularizing shorthand;
there will be novelty about it."

To that unknown reporter the world
owes a debt of gratitude, for his sug-
gestion set Isaac Pitman at once on
the high road to the invention of
shorthand. That little electric
spark fired a whole train of inventive
genius, and straightway the young
teacher, now back in the West of Eng-
land from his first post as a teacher
in Lincolnshire, set about the exami-
nation of fifty systems of shorthand and
the making of shorthand alphabets,
on an entirely new line, of the analy-
sis of spoken words and the writing of
"one sign for one sound."

This was in 1837, of which period
Isaac Pitman afterwards wrote:

"I recollect one day in particular—
the day of Her Majesty's Accession.
Throughout my few weeks' holiday I
did nothing but make shorthand al-
phabets and write with them, and on
that day I did not even feel tempted
to participate in the general festivi-
ties; not that I loved Her Majesty
less than other people, but because
at that time I loved phonography
more."

When the alphabets were wrought
out there was the engraving to con-
sider, and we got this little romantic
picture of Isaac Pitman's thorough-
ness in all that he did:

"To ensure accuracy in the engrav-
ing of the shorthand signs, before
the railway to Bristol (from Bath)
was opened I used to start off every
Saturday morning and walk to Bris-
tol, a distance of eleven miles, in or-
der that I might sit by the engraver
while he worked and see that the
signs were correctly made."

An Omnivorous Stomach.
In the stomach of a crocodile which
was shot by Mr. Wells on the Mer-
gum estate, Madras, were found a
python thirteen feet long, two tobacco
pipes, a number of pieces of whisky
bottles and a pair of trousers.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

LATER DESPATCHES

SHE'S MARRIED NOW.

(Courier Leased Wire).
CALGARY, Ala., Feb. 11— Louise
Callard, the heroine of the sensa-
tional breach of promise suit tried
in Calgary recently which resulted
in a verdict of \$20,000 damages
against Martin J. Armstrong, was
married a few days ago to T. W.
Herby Lewis. The attempt was made
to keep the wedding a secret but the
news leaked out.

BE A REDISTRIBUTION.

(Courier Leased Wire).
WINNIPEG, Feb. 11— Premier
Roblin stated last night in the Leg-
islature that there would be a redis-
tribution of seats before the next
provincial election.

FAVOR A STRIKE.

(Courier Leased Wire).
NEW YORK, Feb. 11— Ninety-
six and five-tenths per cent. of the
firemen voting are in favor of a
strike against the fifty-four eastern
railroads. This official result was
announced in New York to-day at a
joint conference of the railroad re-
presentatives and the Brotherhood
of Locomotive Firemen and Engi-
neers.

DOUBLE LYNCHING.

(Courier Leased Wire).
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 11— A
double lynching occurred to-day
near Kharkov. A mob of 5,000
peasants from the Township of Ko-
melva stormed the jail, demolished
the buildings, seized a horse thief
and took him out and lynched him.
The rioters subsequently proceeded
to the police depot, broke in and re-
peated the performance with another
horse thief who was confined there.

ONE UNDEFEATED RINK.

(Courier Leased Wire).
WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 11— Only
one undefeated rink remains after
three draws were played Monday.
This is Braden of the Winnipeg
Granites, while Gillespie of Moose-
jaw leads the latter in the grand
aggregate.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all my friends for
their kindness to me in my recent be-
reavement, and for the many tokens
of sympathy.

GEO. H. DENNIS,
29 Walter Street.

Brant Avenue Church Brotherhood.

The Brant Avenue Church Broth-
erhood were at home to the Colborne
St. Brotherhood in the School room
last night at which there was a very
large attendance. The principal
event of the evening was a debate
between three members of each
church, the subject being: "Resolved
that the pulpit exercises a stronger
influence for good than the press."
The affirmative was upheld by the
Colborne St. men, represented by
Messrs. Macklin, Bulman and Mil-
man, and the negative by the Brant
Avenue men, represented by Messrs.
Tolinson, Beckett and Rowe. The
judges, Messrs. Leeming, Johnson
and Hughes after due consideration,
gave their decision, in favor of the
affirmative. Rev. Mr. Loville of-
ficiated as chairman of the evening.
After the debate Rev. Mr. Holling
of Colborne St. Church rendered a
couple of solos.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

by local applications, as they cannot
reach the diseased portions of the
ear. There is only one way to cure
deafness, and that is by constitu-
tional remedies. Deafness is caused
by an inflamed condition of the mu-
cous lining of the Eustachian Tube.
When this tube is inflamed you have
a rumbling sound or imperfect hear-
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inflammation can be taken out and
this tube restored to its normal con-
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Laid at Rest.

The remains of the late Mrs. Geo.
Dennis were peacefully laid at rest
in Mount Hope cemetery on Monday
afternoon from the residence of her
brother-in-law, Mr. R. Silverthorne,
29-Walter street, and was largely at-
tended. A very impressive service
was conducted by her pastor, Rev.
G. H. North assisted by the Gospel
Tabernacle Choir. The services
throughout were as the deceased re-
quested before her death. The pall-
bearers were: Mrs. J. Symons, W.
Edwards, A. Wright, H. Creath, G.
Hand and J. O'Dowd. The flower
bearers were: J. Brown, W. Davis,
W. Cochran and W. Dawson. The
floral tributes were many and beau-
tiful and were as follows:

Pillow, husband; broken circle,
from the family; cross, Mr. G. A.
Minnis; wreaths, deacons of the Gospel
Tabernacle, Mr. and Mrs. Smart
and Mrs. Warner; boys of Mounting
Room, Cockshutt Plow Co., Ladies'
Aid of the Gospel Tabernacle;
sprays, Mother, nephews and neices,
Mr. and Mrs. W. Dennis, Mr. and
Mrs. C. Lutes, Mr. and Mrs. H.
Fyles and family, Uncle Jas. Butler
and family, Mr. and Mrs. William
Myers and family, Mr. Gordon Mc-
Intosh, Mr. and Mrs. S. Norris,
Mr. Wesley Creath, Mr. and Mrs. J.
Symons, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Daw-
son and family, Mr. and Mrs. A.
Wright, Mr. and Mrs. H. Creath,
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Pickering, Mr.
and Mrs. Geo. Carter, Mrs. E.
Carter, Mrs. E. Mather, Mr. and Mrs.
Beam, Mr. Thomas Creath, Mr. and
Mrs. John Day, Langford, Mr. and
Mrs. James O'Dowd, Mr. and Mrs.
James Golden, Mr. and Mrs. Fred
Unger, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Barton,
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Creath, Mr.
and Mrs. James Dawson, Wesley
Morning Class, Mr. and Mrs. A.
Robinson, Mr. Allen Drake, Mr. and
Mrs. Geo. Unger, Sr., 3 M Class of
Wesley, S.S., Mr. and Mrs. Edwin
Vivian, Mr. James Duncan.

HEADACHY, BILIOUS,
UPSET? "CASCARETS."

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ACHE, MEANS BOWELS ARE
CLOGGED AND LIVER
STAGNANT.

You're bilious, you have a throbb-
ing sensation in your head, a bad
taste in your mouth, your eyes burn,
your skin is yellow, with dark rings
under your eyes; your lips are
parched. No wonder you feel ugly,
mean and ill-tempered. Your system
is full of bile not properly passed off,
and what you need is a cleaning up
inside. Don't continue being a bilious
nuisance to yourself and those who
love you, and don't resort to harsh
physies that irritate and injure. Re-
member that most disorders of the
stomach, liver and intestines can be
quickly cured by morning with gen-
tle, thorough Cascarets—they work
while you sleep. A recent box from
your druggist will keep your liver
and bowels clean; stomach sweet and
your head clear for months. Child-
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they taste good and never gripe or
sicken.

ANNUAL AT HOME AND
BAZAAR

The annual At Home and Bazaar
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music throughout the evening. Ad-
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Talent Tea—Mrs. Slaght,
o'clock, Brighton Row.
Talent Tea—Mrs. Markle, 14
son street, afternoon and eve-
Bible Society—Victoria Hall
p.m.
Concert—St. Andrew's church
8.15 p.m.

Receiving on Wednesday.

Miss May Bennett.
Mrs. D. H. Coates.
Mrs. J. Detweiler.
Mrs. Crowley.
Mrs. E. Hart.
Mrs. T. Large.
Mrs. R. H. Palmer.
Miss Leone Park.
Mrs. J. A. Schultz.
Mrs. D. Wright.
Mrs. W. S. Wisner.
Mrs. A. Watts.
Mrs. A. E. Watts.
Mrs. T. S. Wade.

Mrs. A. Montzambert, De
Avenue, is in Toronto to-day.

His Honor Judge Hardy is i
ronto to-day on Business.

Doctor and Mrs. Gamble a
Toronto to-day.

Mr. Fred Westbrook left for
ington, Kentucky, last evening.

Mr. Henri Jordan is spendi
few days in St. Thomas this w

Mr. and Mrs. Loched,
Avenue, are in Toronto for
days.

Miss Weinbaugh, Nelson St.
this morning to spend the we
in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. V
Chatham street, leave to-day on
trip to Bermuda.

E. P. Watson of the W
Manufacturing Company, left
morning for Toronto.

Mr. J. H. Hall of John H. Ha
Sons, leaves to-night on a
business trip to Chicago.

Mrs. Geo. Watt, St. Paul's a
leaves to-night to attend the m
of the National Council of V
at Ottawa.

It is said that very cosy a
tractive tea rooms are being o
in Berlin by the Daughters of
Empire there.

Mr. W. S. Brewster, M.P.
in Toronto to-day, and will be
the first speakers in the debat
the speech from the Throne.

Mr. R. J. Campbell of Hagh
Howie, has returned from the
tom Cutters' Convention of Ph
phia and reports a very suc-
convention.

Miss Ellison Newman, Que
gives a jolly little "Bridge"
tables in honor of Miss Grace
of Hamilton, on Saturday aft
last—Miss Nora Tomlinson w
high score.

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