

treating for a few months and worked on the *Herald* for the second time. He came to St. John in the early part of 1857, when he entered into co-partnership with Mr. Edward Willis to publish the *Western Recorder*. The co-partnership was of short duration, for he was soon afterwards engaged on the *Morning News* as a compositor, his spare hours to be devoted to reporting. He gave so much satisfaction at the latter service, he was sent to Fredericton as legislative reporter for that journal. Some time afterwards he accepted a situation on the *Colonial Empire*, where he continued until the failure of that enterprise, when he, in company with Mr. Christopher Armstrong, bought from Mr. Ross Woodrow the *Globe*, which was then running as an evening paper, and continued it until the present time.

Mr. Ellis has been a hard worker, both as a printer and a journalist, as every one who knows him will attest. While in the *Globe* office, he has frequently, when all the printers were engaged and the time very short before going to press, taken up a "stick" and set an article without waiting to write it, which is a difficult piece of composition, as all those who have ever tried it will acknowledge. There is no doubt, since he proved himself able to master the details of printing and journalism, but that he will very soon learn all the intricacies of his present office. As a printer, we tender him our hearty congratulations.

Mr. Robert Willis, brother of Hon. Edward Willis and the late J. R. Willis of Halifax, died at his brother's residence, Princess street, on Tuesday evening, the 6th June. Mr. Willis was born in Halifax, N. S., on the 5th March, 1842, and was, therefore, 34 years of age at the time of his death. He came to this city in 1854, and in the same year commenced his apprenticeship at the printing business in the office of G. E. Fenety, Esq., editor and proprietor of the *Morning News*. He continued in that office until the latter part of 1857 or the early part of 1858, when he went to work on the *Western Recorder*, a weekly paper printed in Carleton by his brother Edward and John V. Ellis. In 1860 he got a situation on the *Colonial Empire*, printed by Thos. McHenry, Esq., the printing office being in the "Donnelly" building, corner of Princess and Canterbury streets. He did not work long in the *Empire* office, but quit there a few weeks before the collapse of that enterprise. In 1861 he was offered and accep-

ted a stand on the *Courier*, printed by H. Chubb & Co., where he continued for a little over a year. In 1862 he went to work on the *Evening Globe*, published by John V. Ellis and Christopher Armstrong, in which situation he continued up to the time of his death. We cannot do better than to quote from the *Globe*, what his late employers say of him:—

"He was a capital workman, combining taste and intelligence, and for several years the setting up of the advertisements was wholly in his charge. A man of retired and somewhat eccentric nature, he steadily refused all offers of promotion in this office, and even declined pressing efforts on the part of his brother to share with him his interest in the *News*. For some years Mr. Willis's health has been rather delicate, and he has only occupied his stand and galleys in the *Globe* composing room at his own pleasure, as his health permitted. He was greatly esteemed by his employers for his faithfulness and integrity as well as for his capacity; and the entire body of the craft and all who knew him must have liked him for his unobtrusive modesty and gentleness, as well as for the manliness which characterised his intercourse with others."

Mr. Willis was a member of "Saint John Typographical Union, No. 85" from its first organization, which took place on May 26th, 1865, he being a charter member. He was a member of Pioneer Lodge, as well as of Millicite Encampment, I. O. O. F. He also belonged to New Brunswick Lodge, Knights of Pythias. The funeral took place on Friday afternoon, 9th June, and was attended by the Odd Fellows of the different lodges of the city, and also by a guard of honor from Millicite Encampment. The Knights of Pythias were represented by a number of members without regalia. Pioneer Lodge, Alexander Rankin, N. G., had charge of the ceremonies. Religious services were held at the house and at the grave. The burial service of the Odd-Fellows at the grave was conducted by the Rev. G. M. W. Carey. The evergreens were deposited in the grave and the Odd-Fellows, standing in a circle around the grave, hand joined in hand, concluded the usual religious exercises with singing and prayer.

The following extract is from an American paper. Our readers are left to decide whether or not there is any truth in it, and whether it is at all applicable to the printing business in the Dominion of Canada. It might be said that there is contained in it a strong argument in favor of something akin to the old apprentice system. Under that system the employer was bound to keep the apprentice a certain number of years, and to teach him "the art and mysteries," whether he had a good education or not;