

out of his own pocket. Browning's receipts are not equal in a year to those of the veriest newspaper hack who scribbles bad prose. Arnold's "Light of Asia" will hardly bring him in as much as a dozen political leaders "thrown off" for the *Daily Telegraph*. Journalism is handsomely paid in London, witness the writers of the *Times*, the correspondents of the *News* and the *Telegraph*.

LONGHAND WRITING.

The following statistics about writing furnish a forcible argument in favor of shorthand:—A rapid penman can write thirty words a minute. To do this he must draw his pen through the space of a rod sixteen and a half feet. In forty minutes his pen travels a furlong. We make, on an average, sixteen curves or turns of the pen in writing each word. Writing thirty words in a minute, we make 480 curves to each minute; in an hour, 28,800; in a day of only five hours, 144,000; in a year of 300 days, 43,200,000. The man who made 1,000,000 strokes with his pen in a month was not at all remarkable. Many men, newspaper writers, for instance, make 4,000,000. Here we have, in the

aggregate, a mark of 300 miles long to be traced on paper by such a writer in a year. In making each letter of the ordinary alphabet we must make from three to seven turns of the pen, or an average of three and a-half to four.

DYING SPEECH OF BENNETT.

Below we give the key to the fac-simile notes of Mr. A. C. Campbell, of the *Globe*, that appear on page 116. It is the speech made by Bennett, the murderer of the Hon. George Brown, on the scaffold.

"I am going to die, and I am innocent of this crime. I don't think there is anything more I can say at the present time. I could not control the act by which the Hon. George Brown came to his death. It was done in the excitement of the moment. He was under the impression I was going to use the revolver. Perhaps he thought so for he readily grasped it. I am going to meet my God, and it would be very foolish for me to die with a lie upon my lips. I quite understand the position in which I am placed. I am talking to you as one in the presence of his God; what I say to you are facts. It makes no difference to me what people may say of me. If I had done this thing I would have acknowledged it like a man. The blood does not trickle in my veins that would deny a thing like that if I had really done it. It would have been a wrong thing for me to have gone there to take a man's life in the manner they say I did. I will die like a man."

Phonographic Gossip.

CANADIAN.

WILLIAM WILTON reports Talmage's sermons for the *St. John's Telegraph*.

MR. J. A. MAGURN, recently of Kingston, has obtained a position on the reportorial staff of the *Globe*.

ANDREW HOLLAND, Esq., of Ottawa, acted as reporter for the Pacific Railway Commission recently held.

MR. JOHN DEWAR, the city editor of the *London Free Press*, was seriously injured a few days ago by jumping from a train while it was in motion.

F. W. WODELL, formerly of Sarnia, and who has been for the past few weeks on the *London Advertiser*, has gone to Hamilton to take a place on one of the city dailies.

ANOTHER man gone west.—Mr. J. Fogarty, who for some time past has acted as shorthand writer to Wm. Edgar, General Passenger Agent G. W. R., Hamilton, has left for Chicago to fill a responsible position on one of the principal Chicago roads.

A NEW use for the telephone has been discovered. At Brantford, wires were connected with the pulpit of Zion church, of which Rev. Dr. Cochran is pastor. At one of the instruments in a distant part of the town Mr. Dan S. Sager, an accomplished phonographer, stationed himself, and easily took down the sermon in shorthand. He heard the minister's voice very distinctly, and experienced no difficulty in catching every word.

MR. JAMES CRANKSHAW opened the shorthand classes in the Montreal Mechanic's Institute a few evenings ago. He gave an opening lecture, in which he explained the phonetic basis upon which alphabetic writing was originally founded, together with a short explanation of shorthand.

MR. JUSTICE CAMERON told the lawyers at Goderich assizes the other day that there would be no adjournment for luncheon. This, no doubt, pushes business, but there is one man that we know from experience would be none the worse for an intermission of half an hour in a full day's court, and that is the shorthand reporter. To expect a man to take evidence at the rate of over 120 and sometimes over 140 words a minute for eight or nine hours without intermission, is asking for too much.—*Toronto World*.

AMERICAN.

LEADVILLE, Col., only boasts of two phonographers.

H. J. JEWETT has a colored stenographer for an amanuensis.

MR. H. C. DEMMING, of Harrisburg, Pa., reports for four districts.

A LADY has been appointed the stenographer to the Terre Haute Judicial Court.

GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN drove a California reporter into suicide when he was there.

JOHN T. RAYMOND, the actor, earned his first money by selling the *Buffalo Courier*. He is now rich and famous.