

found to be a refined, intelligent, sensible person; and I will add that, so far as I am acquainted with them, shorthand writers as a class are really very nice people, and competent to fill any station in life.—*Mrs. D. L. Scott-Browne, of New York, at International Convention.*

SOUND ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN.

You are the architects of your own fortunes. Rely upon your own strength of body and soul. Take for your motto, self-reliance, honesty and industry; for your star, perseverance and pluck; and inscribe on your banner, "Be just and fear not." Don't take too much advice; keep at the helm, and steer your own ship. Strike out. Think well of yourself. Fire above the mark you intend to hit. Assume your position. Don't practice humility; you can't get above your level—water don't run up hill—put potatoes in a cart over a rough road, and the small will go to the bottom. Energy, invincible determination, with the right motive, are the levers that rule the world. The great art of commanding is to take a fair share of the work. Civility costs nothing, and buys everything. Don't drink, don't smoke, don't swear, don't gamble, don't steal, don't deceive, don't tattle. Be polite, be generous, be kind. Study hard, play hard. Be earnest, be self-reliant. Read good books. Love your fellow-men and your God; love your country, and obey the laws; love truth; love virtue. Always do what your conscience tells you to be a duty, and leave the consequences with God.—*Dr. John Todd.*

LADIES AS REPORTERS.

The struggle of lovely woman to secure a place in the ranks with unlovely man recently met with the customary misfortune in San Francisco. One morning there was a stir and flutter in the reporters' place in the San Francisco police court. Two lady reporters entered and took their seats, pulled out nice, new notebooks and began their work placidly. At first the cases were unexciting, and the lady reporters worked away zealously and pleasantly. Then followed the trial of cases where the evidence was peculiar, and the two young ladies evinced signs of nervousness. Then came a case wherein the sole point at issue seemed to be the respective ability of two females of the class who must be known to be appreciated to hurl choice billingsgate. The testimony was of a kind to make the knotted and combined locks of hearers to part and each particular hair to stand on end with trepidation, not unmingled with disgust. The evidence was necessarily not toned down, but given in its original form, just as civet goes to the manufacturer. Then the young lady reporters turned pink and subsequently crimson, and then they gathered their robes about them and silently left the court. Police court reporting is not a desirable specialty for lady journalists, evidently.

NOTES, REPLIES, HINTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

A correspondent asks whether an impediment in the speech, caused by nervousness and an inclination to speak too fast, would preclude him from taking a position as a shorthand clerk. We reply: No, if the nervousness be purely local. A shorthand writer should have full command of all his faculties, but the "unruly member" need have no "say" in the matter when work is to be done, and hence the impediment referred to would not be a drawback. On the other hand, the weakness evidenced by the vocal organs argues unusual activity of the brain, which shorthand writers especially need. If our correspondent could transfer his "impediment" to his right hand, he should be able soon to keep up with the fastest speakers.

Q.—How high does a person have to be in studies to be a good shorthand writer?—L. C. A.—He must, at least, have a good, solid foundation of grammar, punctuation, spelling, writing, and arithmetic, and be able to write long-hand with ease, rapidity and grace. He should have a general knowledge of history, politics, religion, science, chemistry, mathematics, literature, and languages. Need not be profound in any of these, but should feel "at home" with them. He can't know too much, and will surely fail if he doesn't know enough.

SHORTHAND WRITERS

WHO HAVE SECURED POSITIONS DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS THROUGH OUR BUREAU.

ARTHUR A. WELLAND, recently from London, Eng., gone to Europe with Col. J. S. Dennis, late Deputy Minister of the Interior.

GEORGE H. TAYLOR, of Chatham, with Prof. O. S. Fowler, travelling through Canada, and probably to Boston.

GEORGE H. SMITH, of Toronto, with J. Herbert Mason, Manager Canada Permanent Building Society, Toronto

E. A. WINSTANLEY, of Toronto, placed with General J. H. Hammond, Manager Manitoba South-Western Colonization Railway.

FRED. W. CRAIG, of Peterboro', with the Pullman Palace Car Co., St. Louis.

FRED. W. FITZGERALD, of Toronto, with Local Superintendent, G.T.R.

L. A. THOMSON, of Elora, with Rose, Macdonald, Merritt & Coatsworth, barristers, Toronto.

EDWIN HARTT, of Clinton, with M. Staunton & Co., Toronto and Yorkville,

ELVEN W. ROSS, of Toronto, with the Public Grain and Stock Exchange, Chicago.

RICHARD J. GOULD, of Hamilton, with Beatty, Chadwick, Biggar & Thomson, barristers, Toronto.

J. INNES MCINTOSH, of Guelph, with Geo. Eyel, Official Reporter, Hansard staff, Ottawa.

WM. R. STEVENSON, recently from Scotland, with McLaughlin & Moore, Millers, Toronto.