

One of Our Early Printers.

Mr. Thomas D. Clapperton, printer, first President of the St. John Typographical Union, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. He came to this country in 1838 with H. M. 11th Regiment, to which he belonged. He worked for Henry Chubb while his regiment was stationed in this city, and when it was ordered to the upper provinces during the trouble there among the Indians, he accompanied it to Quebec, and afterwards returned to Madawaska and from thence to St. John. On his return to this city he again resumed work with Henry Chubb, where he continued off and on from 1841 to 1855. In the latter year he went to the United States, where he remained but a short time. He returned to this city in 1856, and took a prominent part in the formation of the first Typographical Union organized in the lower provinces. He was elected President in consideration of his mature experience and the prominence he took in the organization. Shortly after, perhaps two years, he went again to the United States and from thence to Montreal, where he worked on the *Daily News*. He soon afterwards secured a situation as messenger for the Union Bank of that city. After serving faithfully in that capacity for some time, he succumbed to Time, the tryer of all, and died in the fall of 1874. He was twice married.

The Bliss Family in America.

Mr. J. H. Bliss has been absent from Norwich, Conn., for a month or two, travelling through various sections of the country and securing much valuable information relating to the Bliss family in America. It will be gratifying to members of the family in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland to learn that the work is progressing favorably. And if any have failed to furnish the information called for by his letter of inquiry, they must certainly see the desirability of an early response if they wish their records brought down to the present time and embodied in the work, where they will be preserved for all future time and generations. Some of the most eminent members of the family have tendered unlimited pecuniary aid towards completing the work, one of the most prominent of these being Dr. D. W. Bliss, of Washington, D. C. The only real obstacle the compiler has to overcome is the apparent apathy of a few who fail to fur-

nish their statistics, thus necessitating extra labor and letter writing on his part, and a consequent delay thereby. Many are anxiously awaiting the publication of the book, and it is, therefore, desirable that all should respond promptly and thus facilitate the work. Mr. B. has an arduous task in hand, and we wish him the most abundant success.

Golden Wedding of Col. and Mrs. Charles G. Greene.

The fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Colonel and Mrs. Charles G. Greene occurred on the 25th of October, at the "Commonwealth," Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, and was made the occasion of one of the most delightful social events of the season. In the long and eminent career of Col. Greene as a journalist and public-spirited citizen he has made hosts of friends, who testified their attachment and personal esteem by uniting in the celebration of an event of so much interest to Col. Greene and his estimable wife. A magnificent marriage bell, which was the offering of a few members of the Central Club, was formed of white chrysanthemums and roses, and bore the memorable dates of "1827" and "1877." No presents having been desired, the tokens of regard from intimate friends took the form of floral designs, and the apartments of the host and hostess were studded with the choicest of flowers. The publishers of the *Boston Post* made Col. Greene the most appropriate present that could have been devised. This was nothing less than a miniature copy—produced by the heliotype process—of the first number of "*The Daily Morning Post*," published daily in the morning at No. 19 Water street by Charles G. Greene." It was printed on cardboard and framed in a silver Louis XIV frame, the inside of the back of which bore the following:—

TO THE FOUNDER OF THE
BOSTON POST
FROM THOSE WHO HAVE
SUCCEEDED
TO HIS LABORS.

The guests numbered several hundred, and included representative men from the varied walks of life in which Col. Greene has moved conspicuously.

A New Canada Post Card to the United Kingdom has been issued. It is the same size as the Inland card, but has a green border instead of blue, and the stamp is two cents.