

## SOME AMERICAN PHONOGRAPHERS.



WE give below the first instalment of a series of short biographical sketches of prominent and leading phonographers of New York State, all of whom are members of the N. Y. S. Stenographer's Association. We will insert a further number in the January issue of the WRITER:—

**C. G. TINSLEY**, of Syracuse, N. Y., was born in Madison County, N. Y., in 1843, and has consequently been an inhabitant of mother earth for thirty-seven years; had a common school and printing office education; worked at the case seven years; was in the U. S. Navy in 1864-65; then learned shorthand (Graham's system); now has charge, with his partner, Mr. F. J. Morgan, of the reporting in the fifth Judicial District, composed of six counties in N. Y. State, and also does much miscellaneous reporting. Mr. Tinsley was elected President of the N. Y. State Stenographer's Association at its last annual convention. See portrait.

**W. O. WYCKOFF**.—Born in Tompkins Co., N. Y., 1835; worked on a farm till 1856, when he went West and pre-empted some land in Minnesota; returned to Ithaca in 1858 and studied law and Phonography; commenced with Benn Pitman's system and afterwards changed to Graham's; in 1861 volunteered as a private in 32nd N. Y. Volunteers; was promoted to the rank of captain; remained in command of a company from the first Bull Run to Antietam; was mustered out in June, 1863; returned to Ithaca and commenced the practice of law. In 1866 was appointed stenographer of the Supreme Court; in 1871 was transferred to the sixth judicial district, composed of ten counties, and still continues in that position.

**DANIEL C. McEWEN**.—Was born in St. Lawrence Co., N. Y., in 1843; received a common school education; began studying Pitman's phonography at the age of fifteen; served two years as an amanuensis, and in 1864 went to New York and engaged in law reporting under the auspices of Edward F. Underhill; after the close of the war he started law and was subsequently admitted to the bar; in 1866, while acting as a reporter for the New York World he "swung round the circle" with President Johnson; in 1867 he acted on the editorial staff of the N. Y. Tribune; in 1869 he became official stenographer to the New York Supreme Court, second Judicial District, a post which he still continues to hold.

**TARO. C. ROSE**.—Born in Tompkins Co., N. Y.; received a common school education; learned the trade of carriage ironer; entered the service of Uncle Sam as a private in the 77th N. Y. Volunteers, and served nearly three years; after the war he resumed his trade, which he followed for four years, during which time he mastered Graham's Phonography; in 1870 entered the employ of W. O. Wyckoff, of Ithaca,

N. Y., as a-sistant stenographer to the Supreme Court of the sixth Judicial District, which position he still holds. Mr. Rose's reporting has been almost exclusively confined to law reporting and during his ten year's practice has had a wide experience and has reported many important trials.

**S. C. RODGERS**, of Troy, N. Y., is 36 years old; was born in Lyons, N. Y.; is a printer by trade and is also a lawyer; is in his sixteenth year of stenographic experience; uses Graham's system, but very much lengthened; employs three assistants; first connected with the U. S. Secret Service Department and U. S. Courts about two years; located in Troy in 1868; elected Assembly Stenographer in 1875 over James E. Munson, of New York; has reported largely in Vermont for the past eight years; is now official reporter of two circuits in Vermont; also controls the County Court reporting of several Counties in New York State.

**CHARLES B. POST**.—Born in Sangertees, N. Y., in 1852; graduated from Sheffield Hall in 1868; for several years occupied a position in an iron warehouse; becoming disappointed in his aim, he adopted the profession of shorthand writing, and is now an assistant stenographer of the third Judicial District of N. Y.; has studied and become a fluent talker in Spanish, Italian, German and Hungarian.

**HUDSON C. TANNER**.—Born in Lysander, N. Y., in 1841; is chief stenographer to the N. Y. State Senate; was educated at Jordan Academy; commenced with Graham's system and subsequently used a mixture of different systems with his own; was appointed stenographer to the Supreme Court, fifth Judicial District, in 1863; held that office until 1872, when he resigned to devote his services to legislative reporting.

**HARVEY HUSTED**.—Was born in Westchester Co., N. Y., in 1854; graduated at the Irving Institute in 1873; after which while acting as book-keeper, he took up the study of Graham's system and mastered it after about two years of persistent study; was appointed County Court stenographer in 1876, and since then the Court of Sessions, and Supreme and Surrogate Courts in addition.

**WORDEN E. PAYNE**.—Born at Sackets Harbour, N. Y., Sept 6th, 1852; received a common school education; writes a system of shorthand based upon Graham's; at present is the official stenographer of the N. Y. Assembly, which position he is holding for the seventh time. He is a member of the firm of Payne & Ruso, Stenographers, Albany, N. Y.; is Vice President of the N. Y. S. S. A.

**JAMES M. RUSSO**.—Born at Albany, N. Y., in 1855; received an academical education; writes Benn Pitman's system; has been engaged in general reporting for four years, and has reported several important civil and criminal trials; is a member of the firm of Payne & Ruso, and is also an attorney and counselor-at-law of the Supreme Court of N. Y. State.