

writers were used in making up the report. If however, the Roman stenographer could do that which the poet Ausonius told one who practiced his art 1500 years ago, that the less we say about our skill the better: "Fly, young and famous stenographers" he said, "prepare the tablets on which thou dost express, with simple points, entire discourses. I dictate volumes, and my pronunciation is as compressed as the hail, yet nothing escapes thy ear, though thy pages fill not, and thou dost embody my ideas before they have passed my lips. Is it possible that I cannot think as rapidly as you write! Tell me, who has betrayed me, who has revealed to thee my thoughts. For this gift thou art indebted to nature and the Gods."

Well, I think Ausonius had just been to a stenographer's dinner and was over-full of wine and gratitude when he wrote that.

HAPPY. HARRIET.

A Young Californian Shorthand Writer.

(See portrait.)

We have received the following sketch of little Harriet Graham from her father, W. H. H. Graham, of Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Graham is the author of a system of phonetic spelling, and we give the article as written in his system:

"Harriet Graham, none az Hapi Hariet, woz born in 1873, Oktober 7th. She haz had koleri infantum, mumps, diptheria, hooping-kauf, meazlz, and sum uther formz ov sickness, all ov hwich went veri lgt with her. She haz been abl tu play evri day and sleep good evri nyt sins her

berth. She iz temperate in her habits, having never uz leni tea, kofi, tobako or medisen. She is a perfek' tom boy tu romp and pla in the sunshyn. She iz jenerali veri hapi, lyvle and noizi.

Sins she woz fyv yearz old she haz bin egzibited kwyt a number of tymz in shorthand ryting. Her father iz preparing to egzibit her and her litl bruther in sum ov the larjer townz and sitiz ov the Unyted Stats.

A FORTUNE-ATE FRIEND.

DETROIT, JUNE 15TH, 1880.

DEAR BENGOUGH:—Please excuse delay in acknowledging receipt of sample copy of the new CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED SHORTHAND WRITER. I like it very much, and hope all shorthand writers of every "school" will take a personal interest with you in making this new enterprise a permanent success.

I have pleasure in enclosing you herewith *ten dollars*, and the names of ten subscribers in this region, also a list of fifteen Canadian shorthand writers in the Eastern and Western States, to whom please send sample copies, upon receipt of which I have no doubt many, perhaps all of them will promptly respond with the necessary greenbacks.

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Yours very truly,

J. W. FORTUNE.

Phonographic Gossip.

CANADA.

Judge Duff, of St. John, N. B., wants Court reporters appointed.

The Huron County Court had a Shorthand Reporter at last June sittings.

Mr. Martin J. Griffin acted as the *Mail's* Ottawa correspondent last session.

Mr. James Crankshaw, of Montreal, reported the Argenteuil election case, held at Lachine.

Duploye's French system has been adapted to the English language by Prof. Manseau, of Montreal.

Mr. Albert Horton of the Toronto *Globe*, has been appointed secretary of the Press Gallery Association.

Mr. J. W. Travis, late sheriff of Queen's County, N. B., is now making a practical use of shorthand in New York.

Mr. Earl, late of the Grand Trunk Railway Office, has taken a position in the C. B. & Q. General Freight Office, Chicago.

Mr. J. T. Hawke has been engaged by the *Globe* Printing Company as their special Ottawa correspondent for a period of three years, at an increased salary.

Hon. Mr. Anglin in his younger days used to report the proceedings of the local legislature for the *St. John Freeman*. He never accustomed himself to taking notes of any kind, and his reports were wonderfully full and accurate.

Imagine a phonographer to whom the name was strange, coming across the word Seugog, the name of one of our Ontario lakes, in the course of rapid reporting, and endeavouring by vocalizing it to assure his being able to read it when his notes had become cold.

Mr. George J. Smith, late shorthand writer to the General Freight Agent of the G. T. Railway, and more recently with the Toronto Reaper and Mower Co., has left this city for Boston to accept a position with the General Manager of the National Despatch Line, Central Vermont Railway. His address is 260 Washington st., Boston, Mass.