

Editorial Notes.

We have received a phonographic report made by C. W. Treadwell, St. John, N. B., a young gentleman who, we are informed, commenced the study of Phonography (Graham's system) on June 5th, 1880, only one year, and who can now, and could three or four months ago, report *verbatim*.

PHONOGRAPHIC RE-UNION.—A very pleasant gathering of the hieroglyphic fraternity connected with the Law Courts of Ontario was that which took place at the house of Mr. Tyson on Harbord street, on the evening of Tuesday, the 7th of June. The members of the brotherhood of the courts who were absent missed a treat. The meeting was rendered still more pleasant by the presence of the wives, sisters and sweethearts of the reporters. Singing and dancing were indulged in, and the enjoyment of the guests was not a little owing to the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Tyson, the host and hostess. We trust this is but the first of many such re-unions bringing into closer social relationship those who are bound together in business pursuits.

REPORTERS IN COUNTY COURTS.—A great many County Councils, recognising the great saving effected by the employment of qualified shorthand writers during the continuance of the County Court and general sessions in June have made provision for their employment. The following Courts have now adopted the saving course:—Ottawa, Nanawic, Belleville, Lindsay, Cobourg, Hamilton, Guelph, Orangeville, Woodstock, Owen Sound, Goderich, London, St Thomas and Sandwich.

Mr. G. J. Smith, Secretary to Lansing Mills, Esq., General Manager of Vermont Central Railway, dropped in on us the other day. He reported having a very pleasant trip from Boston to Toronto *via* Chicago, in the new private car "Garfield." They attended an international meeting of General Freight Agents at Montreal, and from thence they proceeded on a pleasure trip, taking in Quebec, Grand Rapids, Portland and other places of interest. We wish Mr. Smith *bon voyage*, and regret that the lot of all shorthand writers is not such a "happy one."

In a letter received from Mr. Dan Brown, Chicago, dated June 6th, he says:—"Correspondence from leading stenographers, in various parts of the country, indicate a large attendance here on the first of September; we expect to have a meeting to make some preliminary arrangements this month, and will inform you of our action."

Mr. H. C. Denning, of Harrisburg, Pa., paid us a friendly visit while attending an international meeting of "Superintendents of Insane Asylums," held in our city. This makes the thirteenth session Mr. D. has attended in his official capacity, and is a deserving tribute to his abilities as a stenographer. He is very deeply interested in the forthcoming meeting of

stenographers to be held in Chicago in September, and hopes that it may result in elevating the standing of the profession.

Dr. Nugent, of Wickham, N. B., claims to be the fastest stenographer among the Seovelites.

Mr. N. E. Dawson, of the Washington War Department, acted as secretary to General Grant during his recent trip through Mexico.

Only eight stenographers are used in the Pennsylvania Railroad offices in Philadelphia.

J. G. Cross is completely revising his work on "Eclectic Shorthand."

The latest stenographic fraud can be learned "in three hours."

Mr. Willard Graker, formerly editor of the *Shorthand Review*, is now engaged at his profession in New York.

Clara Louise Kellogg's father is an enthusiastic Grahamite.

At the recent trial of Bray vs. Devins, at Montreal, in which the plaintiff sued the defendant for damages for publishing a lecture on Ireland delivered by the Rev. Mr. Bray, and inserting patent medicine advertisements among the reading matter, the question of the accuracy and reliability of shorthand was brought in. Mr. James Crankshaw, one of the *Hansard* staff, who reported the lecture for the defendant, affirmed that his shorthand notes could be relied on as being correct in every particular, and fully explained to the Judge and Court the principles of phonography.

THE BENEFIT TO THE JUDGES.—On a recent occasion while two limbs of the law were debating as to the statements of a particular witness, the Judge (the County Council having for the first time provided him with a reporter) with a smile upon his face appealed to the phonographer to read his notes, and as gleefully as a boy at school in saying "I told you so," would have done, informed the legal gentlemen that there would be less trouble now since full notes were taken of all the evidence, and his short notes would no longer be a bone of contention on appeals for new trials. The Judge, like a great many others, is a convert to the great benefit derived from the employment of good shorthand writers in court.

A STATUTE REQUIRING AMENDMENT.—It would be well that the attention of the Attorney-General should be called to the saving it would effect were reporters employed at some of the more important inquests being held throughout the country. At present the stumbling block in the way is that witnesses are required to sign their testimony immediately after it is taken. Could not this be struck out at next session of the Legislature? Any improvement that comes within the powers of the Provincial Parliament we are certain will find a staunch advocate in the Hon. Mr. Mowat.