

## A New Brunswick Printer Abroad.

Mr. George E. Barnes, brother of the Messrs. Barnes & Co., of this city, and who will, perhaps, be remembered by a few, as having served his apprenticeship to the printing business in the establishment of H. Chubb & Co., left San Francisco, Cal., recently, for a visit to Australia. Mr. Barnes worked here about twenty years ago, having charge of the office he formerly served his time in. The *Pacific Life*, of San Francisco, under date of Aug. 19th, in referring to his departure, pays him the following much-deserved compliment :—

Among the passengers by the "City of San Francisco," which sailed on Wednesday morning with the Australian mails, was George E. Barnes, whose name is one of the most honored in connection with the San Francisco press, and whose career, modified by that degree of vicissitude which seems necessary to the unfolding of worthy character, has been that of a gentleman endowed superlatively with good qualities of heart and rare qualities of mind. His nature is of that genial type disposed to look cheerily rather than despondently upon life, and at the same time be sympathetic and thoroughly unselfish. Giving attention to business pursuits with a vigor and method that few have the ability or physique to apply, he yet knows well how to unbend himself from cares, and the friends are legion who courted his society and found in the brilliancy and originality of his conversation, his bubbling humor and the profound knowledge he possessed on a mass of topics, an inexhaustible source of entertainment, and of material for practical guidance. Mr. Barnes was one of the founders of the *Daily Morning Call*, and for many years was its principal editor and leader-writer, building up the paper by his efforts, and achieving a distinction by his pen such as only a few on the San Francisco press have earned. As he never truckled to any man, and did not spare denunciation and exposure of abuses or of wrong doing, so it may be said of him that he was incapable of anything truculent, sordid or mean.

Mr. Barnes did not wholly cease connection with the *Call* when he parted with his interest to the present proprietors, but occasionally contributed articles, and for a couple of years has been its dramatic critic, proving himself in that position the most competent that has been on the San Francisco press of late years. We are glad that a gentleman held in such high esteem by his conferees and friends who know him, and by the public who have been delighted and instructed by the emanations from his fertile mind, does not leave us saying farewell. It is *au revoir, mais non pas adieu*, for his visit to the Colonies is for permanent residence, but sojourn. He has the hearty well wishes of hosts of friends for a pleasant voyage, prosperity to his undertaking and a safe return.

Mr. A. S. Thompson, son of George Thompson, Esq., of the Provincial Educational Department, Fredericton, N. B., succeeds Mr. Barnes as dramatic editor of the *Call*. Mr. Thompson is spoken of as a young *litterateur* of rare talents.

## Complimentary.

The *Souris Times*, published in Prince Edward Island, by John Ross, in a paragraph headed "Change in Journalism," pays the following compliment to J. W. Mitchell, of the late firm of Laird & Mitchell. Publishers :—

J. W. Mitchell, Esq., of the *Patriot* newspaper, Charlottetown, has withdrawn from the proprietorship of that paper. He has been connected with the *Patriot* office for the past fourteen years, and has always been faithful in the discharge of the duties of his department, he being the only mechanical partner of the firm. His thorough knowledge of the printing business made him eminently qualified to carry on such an extensive concern, and by his withdrawal a valuable man has been lost to the business. There is a probability that he will open a job office in the city ere long, when his past experience will enable him to give full satisfaction to his patrons.

And the *New Era*, published in Charlottetown, by P. R. Bowers, adds the following additional compliment :—

The *Souris Times* has a well-merited compliment to Mr. J. W. Mitchell, on his withdrawal from the *Patriot* concern. We fully endorse this. We have found Mr. Mitchell an obliging, gentlemanly fellow-publisher; and his competency, industry, and integrity, for a long number of years, entitle him to the respect of the whole community. In whatever business he may embark we wish him every success.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Mitchell has ordered a new outfit for a job office which he intends opening in Charlottetown. No doubt his many old friends will rally around him and extend to him that share of support he so well merits. He has our best wishes.

THE editor of the *Miscellany* will take pleasure in aiding those contemplating the purchase of printing material, and parties sending their orders through him will have the benefit (free) of his experience in printing, which extends over twenty-five years. He will undertake to supply any article used in a printing office or bookbindery as cheap as it can be had by ordering direct or through any other channel. Parties having *bona fide* orders will address P. O. Box 737, St. John, N. B.

We are glad to see that the Press Association of Ontario has adopted the following rule, which we hope will be unanimously and rigidly carried out :—

That after the 1st of November, 1876, the subscriptions of all weekly papers be payable strictly in advance, and that as soon as the term for which the paper is paid expires, the paper be stopped. That the yearly subscription to all papers shall date from the 1st or 15th of the month, and that the publishers shall have the option of sending back numbers so as to carry out the rule.