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The Art Metal Construction Co., of London, are among the recently-elected active members of the American Chamber of Commerce in London.

Thomas De La Rue & Co., Ltd., have purchased Charles Goodall & Sons, Ltd., and J. A. Weir, Ltd., the former the largest playing card makers in England, established in 1820, and the latter owners of two paper mills in Scotland since 1870. Mr. A. G. Gronow, C.B.E., is the new managing director of the enlarged De La Rue institution, itself over 100 years old.

General Manager L. W. Morden, of the Monroe Calculating Machine Co., Ltd., has established two new branch offices for sale of Monroes in the British Isles. One is at Glasgow, Scotland, in charge of Mr. P. Elliott, who has been selling the machine in England, and the other is at Leeds, Mr. L. S. Dell, manager.

Robert G. Curtis, the speed typist on the Woodstock, who made a tour among United States business colleges after his participation in the world's championship contest in New York in October, has returned to his home in London, where he will devote himself largely to his typewriting business and educational work.

Rejuvenated offering of the new "Blick Ninety" portable typewriter with the interchangeable type segment and with ninety characters, will soon be a fact by the Blick Typewriter Co., Ltd., 9 and 10 Cheapside, London, E. C.

In recognition of his contributions to profitable attendance by the British delegates to the convention of the American Stationers' Association at Atlantic City, Frank D. Waterman has been elected to honorary membership in the Stationers' Association of the United Kingdom.

As an engineer representative, Mr. W. D. McKinnon has been added to the force of the Art Metal Construction Co., Ltd., at 58 Holborn Viaduct, London, E. C.

A welcome home to the three delegates, Messrs. Percy Barringer, Clifton Tollitt and L. G. Sloan, who went to America to attend the stationers' convention, was held on Nov. 28 in London by members of the Stationers' Association of the United Kingdom. Mr. Frank Dorizzi presided and other speeches were made before the large gathering by the gentlemen honored, in which they gave an account of their visit. The British and American national anthems formed part of the program.

We are sorry to have to report that Mr. Victor, of the Remington sales staff, recently died of pneumonia. He was one of the old members of the business, and was with the Remington for over fifteen years. His death was very sudden.

Mr. W. F. Gresham, late manager of the Chicago

office of the Munson Supply Company, has recently taken charge of the Munson Supply Company, Ltd., of Regent House, Kingsway, London, a company formed to handle the business in the British Isles of the well known Munson Pneumatic Typewriter Speed Keys. He has already organized a very useful sales force for London and has opened a branch in Glasgow under Mr. Griffin to look after the business in Scotland. Mr. Gresham is of the opinion, judging from the way things are going, that this useful and practical typewriter and adding machine accessory will before long be as extensively used in these Isles as they are in America.

The high cost of printing these days has given a great fillip to the type set duplicator and the demand for type has greatly increased in the last year or two. Messrs. E. & F. Gyles, Ltd., of 5 Crawford Passage, Farringdon Road, London, a very old established firm of printers' type makers, have specialized on the making of type for duplicators since they made their first appearance on the market. One particular branch is the matching of the standard make of typewriter for use in both rotary and flat bed machines.

Messrs. Taylor's Typewriter Company have recently added two useful accessories to their lines. One is the Tappit Letter Opener which consists of a substantial enamelled base acting on which is mounted a fixed blade and a "seesaw" frame support on which the letters to be opened slide. The letter is pushed against the fixed blade and the front position of the movable support pressed down. These actions raise and push the letter against the blades which operation removes a very small portion of the paper from the envelope. It is a big saver of time and has already been taken up by a number of mail order houses. The other is a roller blotter. It is very efficient and economical, and can be sold cheap at a nice profit.

Mr. G. M. Ruys, of Ruy's Handelsvereniging, Rotterdam, Holland, while visiting London, called upon tradesmen having to do with the many office equipment lines he handles in Holland and the Dutch East Indies.

Mr. Claude L. Taggart, Chief Engineer of the Art Metal Construction Co., Jamestown, N. Y., was a visitor to the London offices of his company at 58, Holborn Viaduct, E. C. 1.

Vick, Ashworth & Co., Ltd., Princes Street, Manchester, have taken on the representation of the Art Metal line of steel furniture.

Mr. George Haines, 27, Grey Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Mr. Henry Church, 133, Union Street, Oldham, two provincial agents for the Imperial typewriter, visited their chief, Mr. Edgar Smith, sales manager, at the London headquarters.

Mr. Richard Weiniger, of Amsterdam, Holland, renewed old acquaintances during a recent visit in London.

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