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DEVOTED TO PRONUNCIATION AND AMENDED SPELLING.

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PROGRES IN AMENDMENT BRITISH

Last year when the London Daily Mail publisht an articl from the Kölnische Zeitung it did more for sp. ref'm than a years propaganda by the Simplified Sp. Soc'y. It so't tu sho that Germans wud establish superiority over Britons, in future if not nou, as Britons ar handicapt by two years ov scool life wasted on their antiquated speling and tables ov money, weights and mesures—time Germans devote tu matter intrinsically valuabl. Britishers neu their slaknes in sientifie educasion. This led the Government tu apoint the Educational Reconstrucion Committee.

The Speling Sossiety soon laid before the committee a plea (originally intended for the British premier) for impruvment in speling. Vicount Bryce, Bishop Weldon, Sir Fredric Poloc, H. G. Wells, Prof. Gilbert Murray supported this plea, dakt by one or tuu profosors from evry British university, with overseas dominions wel represented by signature.

Their plea quoted this unanimos resolution ov the Imperial Edu. Conference:

"simplificasion ov speling is ov urgent importance in all parts ov the Empire."

and Bryces declarasion:—

"such simplificasion wud in a generasion make English the language ov commerce all over the East, with enormous benefit tu trade."

It was argued farther that speling consistently rasional wud save a year at least in our childrens educasion time, wud promote pronunsiasion purer and more uniform, and lesen greatly difficulty in teaching tu read felo-subjects ov alien race and our children, defectiv ones espesially.

Unlikely that ofisial acsion wil be taken during war, yet reformers ar gratified tu no that the Nasional Board authorized experimentasion with simplified speling in certn elementary scools.

AMERICAN

From *Canada* went over a hunderd in-

EXPLANASION OMIT useles letters; CHANGE (if sounded so) *d* tu *t*, *ph* or *gh* tu *f*; *o* tu *u* in *to*, *do*, *who*, *prove*, *move*, *behave*, *shoe*, *canoe*.

For fuller explanation and Platform see cover of Annual of New Speling (postpaid, 10 c.)

fluensial signatures, as those ov Chancelors Sir Wm Meredith and Sir Sandford Fleming, university Presidents Murray and Braithwaite, vice-Principals Watson ov Queens and Moyse ov McGill, Sup't Mackay ov Nova Scotia, ex-Premier Scott ov Saskatchewan, Judge Chauveau and Dean Mathieu ov Laval Law Scool, and many other university professors, principals and teachers ov normal scools, colleges and high scools.

In the *States* effort is mostly in colleges and newspapers. In U. S.-Canada (on 20 Jan. 1917) ar 388 universities and collegiat institusions with 285,000 students, and 469 newspapers and periodicals ov 16,000,000 circulation using at least the first list ov simplifications recommended by the Simplified Speling Board.—London, Ont., *Advertiser*.

A GERMAN VEU-POINT

The Cologne Cronicle (*Kölnische Zeitung*, ke.l nif^e 'sait yk, from Köln or Koeln, German forms ov what the French spel Cologne and call colon, a speling we folo but say c^olōn or cōlōn) printed in 1915 what is referd tu before. Translated it apeard in London Daily Mail (copied in Literary Digest 24 April 1915) thus:

"Eforts ov intelligent Englishmen tu arouse their peple from dul lethargy ar vain (futil) . . . The standard tu be ataind is set very lo. Yet achievements ar tragic, thanks tu their incredibly antiquated speling, money-, weights-, and mesures-tables. . . . A nasions future lies in its endowment tu coming generasions with (not material fortune, but) intelectual advantages."

Readers wil recolect that a dozen years ago Mr Stead tried tu rous his cuntrymen from their self-suffisient conceit by series ov clarion articles, "Wake Up, John Bull!" tu which we calld atension then. His loud call repeated over and over fel on def ears—they laft! -Nou we all get it where the chikn got the ax ("in the nek"), with the "botm out!" — "the fat in the fire!"

A TWO YEARS HINDRANCE

Mr Taft told a truth that cannot be too often hammerd in: American children ar (in their scooling) two or three years behind European ones. French or German boys no as much at elevn as ours at thir-