

"reform'd" but advanced American ones, generally commendabl. Analogy seems to require *voltometer* for *voltmeter* (p. 19).

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INTRODUCE DIFFERENTIALS.

Rational speling must employ as many vowel letters as the spoken language has distinct vowels. THE HERALD, recognizing this, urges new signs to complete the vowel scheme, most of them such as other reformers and foneticians uze. A variant of e (e) is uzed widely, but lawlesly by most. A few uze it exclusivly; some rite e after f, b, v, w, o, only, with which it joins better than e. I uze it in all riting for "short e," and recomend this to others.

Hillsboro, Kansas.

J. G. EWERT.

[A main use of New (or ideal) Speling is to sho *what to work toard*. This e is in Passy's alfabet for e in *let*, with 'e' for e in *they*. Mr Ewert (pronounce ewert, not yūart) works toard that, and so has e in stronger syllabls of *swelling*, letter *Herald*, recognize, fonetic, however, already, better, recomend help]

OUR LETTER BOX.

P.E.H.: Yes, but maōri wil not do for *Maori*. It is ma'ri, an almost perfect rime with *dowry* da'ri (a as in *far*, its fundamental value; it is a widespred misuse to asign it to the sound æ. Scribes before the Norman Conquest new better).

E.B.T.: The vowel-system prevalent in America west of longitude 74, and north of Mason and Dixon's line is, speaking broadly, uzing NED symbols in natural-pitch (i-, e-, a-, o-, u-family) order:

i i, e e, æ v a, o o, u u

or, transliterated into HERALD-notation, since italics ar not alowd in Orthograpy.

i i, e e, æ a a, o o, u u

The U.S.-Canada boundary is a political,

not a linguistic one. In the south, the vowel-system is much the same, especyly in districts (as in parts of Kansas and in Texas) setld from the north. About 1870 Ontario helpt to setl Kansas. The a-family is difrent in the tru south: northerners say æl' bām<sup>a</sup> for *Alabama*; sutherners, a-la-bā-ma or al<sup>a</sup>bam<sup>a</sup> with tru Italian a. It is a question of fact, not of opinion, to be setld by *acurat* observation of facts, for

"These difficulties can be grapld with only by scientific methods, if we hope for satisfactory results. . . . Acurat noledge of orthoepic facts wud help to setl speling."—SWEET.

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