improve, if possible, the educational advantages of the working classes in the great City of London; he, therefore, conducted his investigations, one would suppose, in a practical business-like manner. He tells us that the spelling of the Italian language is the most perfect in Europe, but the spelling of the Italian language is the most perfect in Europe, but the spelling work of the spelling which the spelling work of the spelling which thus wastes the time and youth of our people, as yetten of spelling which thus wastes the time and youth of our people men brick of all like arguments of our opponents.

I need scarcely remind you, Mr. President, that there are two methods of teaching, with a text-book and orally. Now, it is child commit to memory a rule of arithmetic from a text-book he is actually study-mid to memory a rule of arithmetic from a text-book he is actually study-mid to memory a rule of arithmetic from a text-book he is actually study-mid to memory a rule of arithmetic from a text-book he is actually study-mid to memory a rule of arithmetic from a text-book he is actually study-mid to memory a rule of arithmetic from a text-book he is actually study-mid to memory a rule of arithmetic from a text-book he is actually study-mid to memory a rule of arithmetic from a text-book he is actually study-mid to memory a rule of arithmetic from a text-book he is actually study-mid to memory a rule of a rule of the spelling to the

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this to be a disadvantage, but our opponents ask us to extend this blemish to the written language as well, to spell, as well as pronounce them alike I In spoken 'anguage this may lead to error; in written language, from the very nature af things, it would; and so great would the inconvenience and annoyance become, that necessity would over-ride phonetic rules and interpose signs to catch the eye and distinguish the word. Again, it is contended that phonetic spelling would indicate pronunciation and reduce dialects. Now, I contend that, for the great mass of the people, it would not indicate pronunciation, neither would it reduce disects, it would perpetuate them. Spoken language is decidely dictatorial least; it would perpetuate them. Spoken language is decidely dictatorial tion in English; the spirit of the people will not brook such a thing; with a phonetic alphabet, and true to phonetic principles, the people would nake the written word correspond with their idea of the spoken, as it is our written words are a standing protest against such mutilation; a weep away

ion in English; the spirit of the people will not brook such a thing; with a phonetic alphabet, and true to phonetic principles, the people would make the written word correspond with their idea of the spoken, as it is our written words are a standing protest against such mutilation; sweep away our etymological spelling and our written words are a standing protest against such mutilation; sweep away our etymological spelling and our written but she has also a number of very distinct dialects. And in our case, Mr. Fresident, imagine us furnished gray. It was a phonetic alphabet, but she has also a number of very distinct dialects. And in our case, Mr. Fresident, imagine us furnished much similarity would there be among the same words written by the inhabitants of the different sections of the British Isles themselves and of the Colonies? In this connection also, I wish to point you to the fallacy of the argument that people would not require to learn to spell, say after the two first years of school life. The argument, of course, is, if our words were spelled by fixed rule and not with arbitrary letters, people would naturally spell correctly. Now, if this be true, how comes it that incorrect spellings spelled in three different ways by the same individual. The system is invented as a boon for uneducated and partially educated people. Dr. Trench gives us a forcible example of people spelling by sound, and hence an idea of what may be expected when the system advocated by our opponents is introduced. He says "the postmaster of the town of Woburn as noted 24 different methods of spelling that name among the uneducated base, for whose benefit this system is mainly composed. The arrangement of the system is mainly composed. The contract of

knowledge is too inmitted to surmount the difficulty, and y-t too extensive to rest satisfied wanting its solution.

In reply to the argument that the proposed system would substitute a healthy mental training for a vicious one, I cannot do better than remind you of the fact that thousands of English men and women have surmounted healthy mental training for a vicious one, I cannot do better than remind you of the fact that thousands of English men and women have surmounted the difficulties of the language, and are not, as we can see, any the worse for it either mentally or morally. The learned leader of the affirmative is an eloquent survival, for the occasion, the fittest! and my friend who will follow me on the affirmative will unconsciously give emphasis to my posi-tion. As regards their morality I am equally certain on that point, unless, indeed, they claim that the system has engendered that impratitude which they display in attacking the beneficent_mother of their purest and most charished entowments.

there display in attacking the beneficent mother of their purest and most they display in attacking the beneficent mother of their purest and most I am painfully aware, Mr. President, how imp efectly I have pleaded a good cause. From the course pursued by my friend who opened their cusion I have been obliged to anticipate argument, but I have endeavoured at the same time to reply to his position. In conclusion I wisk to remind you that our opponents are bound to shew, first of all, good cause for doing away with the old; secondly, equally strong reasons for introducing new, these reasons built upon natural conclusions arising out of a descripment of the control of the strong strong the control of the c

such decennial consus!

And then when all this is done they may set to work with sax-tickling fancies about reform and progress, to induce such andiences, as the one before us to-night, Mr. President, to obliterate the proudest boast of our nect, to give place to a pure plebeian upstart, whose sole claim to existence rests upon money and expediency.

Will you, for an apparent and imaginary gain, destroy and obliterate this inexhaustile tresaure-house of word-lore?

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