

The Herald.

DEVOTED TO PRONUNCIATION AND AMENDED SPELLING.

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—The *Deaf-Mute* for Jan. exhibits good sense and dawning light (tho unwelcome in a quarter we cud name) by giving two columns to a plea for Amendment in Spel. It quotes the "Five Rules," and ads:—

"A great reform is at hand. S'oner or later, the chaos call'd spelling must giv place to order. This change may not come all at once, but come it wil. When the masses realize that the years and pains giv'n to mastering present sp. ar wasted, this sp. must go. As lorned men generally agree that a reform is desirabl, the les lorned must follo. A f. ther shows how the wind blows. men now spel honor without a, and ether without a."

Piggott's SPELLING.—In the "Parnelism and Crime" developments, forger Piggott is concern'd in part by his having misspeld 'sincerity' as 'hesitency' in the forged letters, also 'likihood' and 'livlihood,' which misspellings he confirm'd in the witness-box. A case remarkably similar, say the newspapers, occurd many years ago in which *urgency* was speld with *a*, and *instalment* with *dubl l*.

TOMSON.—According to *Grip*, our author-journalist Mr Phillips Thompson cannot stand having ded lins trim'd from his nominal tree, making it 'Filips Tomson.' 'Rare Ben Jonson' did so. Mr Graham R. Tomson, without h or p, who edits with introduction and notes *Ballads of the North Countrie*, London, 1888, does some very sensible pruning to his name. He tels us, p. 442, "As 'nothing is non about Robin Hood, much 'is conjectured, and in entire absence of 'facts, ther is abundant lerning"—about the way it is with much of the etymology said to be enshrined in our spelling.

WHAT SYSTEM?—The absolute necessity of fonetic reform is now almost universally recognized, not only by practical teachers but also by scientific filologists. All objections that prejudice and irrational conservatism have been able to devise have been successf'ly met and the only question now is, what system shal we adopt?—SWEET in appendix to *Handbook*.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

W^m Linton, Principal Central School, New Hamburg, Ont., (got by Mr Connor.)
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J. H. Kob, Valley Falls, Kan., (*Hamilton*).
J. Sharp, Principal Business College, Galt, Ontario, (got by *Hamilton*.)

*REVISED SPELLING:— OMIT usesles lo:ers; CHANGE *d* to *t*, *ph* to *f*, *gh* to *f*, *ch* to *tsh*, if sounded so

SPANISH.—This language had its orthog. reform'd, 1803 to 1826, by the Royal Spanish Academy. Its rules ar laid down in "Ortografia" publisht at Madrid in 1826.

OBITU.—Mr J. B. Rundell, well-known by name to advocats of Amendment in Spelling, died on 1st April in London. He was employ'd in Education Department of South Kensington Museum, was among our earliest subscribers, and beside was much interest'ed in music, horticulture, shorthand, education, literary and scientific work. The *West London Observer* says:—"Mr R. wil be 'sorely mist in all circles which he frequent'ed; his amiable disposition, his generous, un-'prejudiced views, his inviolabl conscientiousness, his redines to help in a good caus, 'together with the resorces of a well-stored 'mind, making him a valuabl acquaintance 'and a deeply-loved friend." Mr W. R. Evans, a co-worker in Sp. Ref. with Mr Rundell, died recently of consumption. Mr E. once publisht a serial call'd the *Spelling Experimenter*.

"HULL," ETC.—Mr L. Lyon, Conneaut, O., calls attention to Dr O. W. Holmes in part vi of his *Autocrat of Br. Table* confirming hull as New Eng. pronuncia'n of *whole*:—"Yu no low they read Pope's line in the 'smallest town in Massachusetts? Wel, 'they read it

"'All ar but parts of one stupendus HULL!" Several rimes in the *Biglow Papers* go to corroborate this, as riming *home* and *come*. (trial corner.)

IN THE CORNER.

Ruf shal stand in the corner
(Ruf iz our dog, yu must no)
Ruf haz ben snapping and barking,
So tu the corner he 'l go.
Dogz hu ar snapish and noizi,
Set them apart and alon;
Nothing tu fait or tu graul for,
Nothing—not evn a bon.

If ther wer ever a chaild, nau,
Snapish and noizi laik Ruf,
Qi shud sa, "Intu the corner
Until yu 'v had barking enuf."
But tu the chaild ai 'd sa further,
"If yu gro up in this wa,
Yu'l faind yursel ol in the waid wurd
Alon in the corner sum da."

—Chatterbox.