

usage and had to grow into familiar usage, in the same way a pronoun now of the third person, singular, common gender, could and would grow into usage, if started with sufficient authority and with an apprehension of its need.

For instance, if a mother should say to her children (supposedly several boys and girls), "Every one of you must to-day keep her hands and face clean and her mouth from speaking anything unclean," the naughty boys would feel that for them her command would lose its directness and power.

If a professor should say concerning his class of students (supposedly of both sexes) "every one of them esteems it an honour to do her duty," the naughty males would doubtless feel themselves quite released from such responsibility.

If the translation in St. John, 3rd chap., 3rd verse, should read (as it might with equal propriety read, since the pronoun "tis" is of common gender) "unless a woman is born again, she is not able to see (or discern) the kingdom of God," the bad men sinners would hardly regard themselves as concerned in the matter, and its directness of application to them would lose its pointedness.

In this and many other cases which every one has seen or thought of, or known, the lack of a common, third personal pronoun has or would work infinite mischief, and now that the gentler sex is taking such a large equal share in life, she should be favored with a common pronoun.

But words are public things, and no one person can give them their embarkation; and as everything now is done by associations, and as a great university is the only fitted place where such an organization can right-

ly be incepted, a Society for the Development of the Best Modes of the Expression of Thought in Language should at once be started at Queen's.

Nothing but the habitual slowness and conservatism of the Anglo-Saxon mind in abstract intellectualness can excuse the fact that such a thing has not long ago been done.

At future times I wish to indicate other urgent needs in our language that should never be allowed to longer go unremedied. Yours truly,

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P.S.—A good common, third personal pronoun could be made out of those we have now (masculine and feminine), by aggregating and dividing them up, thus: Masculine "he," and feminine "she," and common "se"; masculine "his," and feminine her or hers, and common "hes" or "hir"; masculine "him," and feminine "her," and common "hem" or "hin"; ex. "every person should act as se knows best." "Each one should do hes duty," &c.

PARODY ON SCHILLER'S "GLOCKE."

Die Frau muss hinweg
Von Kochtopp und Nadeln,
Muss rauchen und radeln,
Muss fechten, studieren,
Und politizieren,
Muss mitreden immer
Und zu Haus bleiben nimmer.
Doch innen waltet
Der züchtige Hausherr,
Der Vater der Kinder,
Und schaffet leise
Im häuslichen Kreise,
Und ehret die Mädchen
Und prügelt die Knaben
Steht unterm Pantoffel
Und schält die Kartoffel
Mit stillem Behagen,
Und hat nichts zu sagen!

—J. e S., St. John, N.B.