

# The Herald.

DEVOTED TO PRONUNCIATION AND AMENDED SPELLING.

## S U P P L E M E N T

### AN APEAL: WHAT REFORMERS SHUD DO.

No one ever thinks of subsisting on air. It is important, but not the only essential of life. A spelling reformer cannot; never has, and never wil liv on air; nor is he helpt by mere criticism and inactivity. It is necessary that he be encouraged and suported by activ, personal and financial, interest in his work. He works not for himself, but for the multitude. His own enthusiasm counts for much; but it never filld his coffers; ofn has emptid them. Sir Isaac Pitman's experience was a striking instance of this. Tho he had the proceeds of his shorthand books to help him, he actually had to mortgage his copyright to obtain financial aid; and only twenty years before deth was the last advance clear'd off. Some loans, thru the kindnes and liberality of Sir Walter Trevelyan, wer alow'd to laps. What Sir Walter did all can and shud do according to their several ability. To erect a monument, as did the Scots, to Burns, *after* he was ded, was a poor discharge of their responsibility for neglecting him *alive*. "So crucified they the profets" wil ever be adjustabl to the three tenses, past, presnt, future. It shud be, *can be*, otherwise. But

"'T is true, 't is pity, and pity 't is 't is true."

Is this reproach applicabl to spelling reformers? They can remove it.

Men of brains who wil both think (and give *ripe counsel*) as wel as *work* and give *money* ar wanted to bear the burden of this movement. Can any one say that Dr Larison of Ringos and Dr Hamilton of Toronto receiv adequat suport? Neither of these gentlemen ar professional agitaters. They hav their own living to make. Yet as a labor of love (due to strong convictions) they devote much time and *money* to the movement; and for lak of funds ar hamperd in their work. If the readers of *The Journal on Orthoepy and Or-*

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*thography* and of THE HERALD *wud think for five minuts* of the labors of the editors of these periodicals, to say nothing of their sacrifices, a more generos respons wud result. Some withold suport becaus certn leters, pronunciations or methods ar adopted. Is such reason valid? Absolute agreement cannot be obtaind just yet, especially in a work involving fonetic propaganda. That is coming in time—it is making perceptibl advance by and thru THE HERALD. We must bear and forbear diversity til aproximat acord grows. The best way of bearing is to bear part of the expenses incurd in carying on the work of this reform. Both jurnals ar worthy of wider constituencies. Readers can help to increas their circulations, or asist their editers to place them before educationists.

Certn frends imagin considerabl suport wil be forthcoming when fonography becomes universal. It is a charitabl delusion. Isolated fonografers wil asist; the bulk of them, tho they become as numeros as the sands on the sea-shore, wil not contribute one cent in furtherance of orthographic reform. Fonography is aquired for gain. No selfish man is ever trubld about the advance of any reform. What reason is ther to anticipate beter things from future fonografers when the presnt ones so utterly fail to suport the application of the fonetic principl to orthography? Let fonography spred, and let fonografers increas. I shal rejoice and be glad, but the burden of fonetic reform wil fall on other shoulders. Let ther be no delusion about that. Spelling reformers and educationists must fight the batl. Meanwhile Dr Larison and Dr Hamilton deserv practical sympathy and suport. Give it.

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