

at the same time with the minimum disturbance of, or cost to, present society, we must organize, and from the history of the past lay down lines which will produce the conditions we seek without antagonizing unnecessarily any element of our present constitution. This can be done. Should any one doubt it, even he need not say that we should not take the possibility of improvement into consideration.

I then simply propose at present, that we should appoint a Standing Committee of this Association, to confer with similar Committees from co-ordinate bodies of educators in all other English speaking countries, and that at least these three subjects be relegated to them to commence with: 1. The universal use of the decimal weights and measures; 2. The simplification of English orthography; and 3. The general introduction of a distinctly legible phonetic short hand.

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