

LITERATURE.

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The *Phonetic Teacher* was issued as a monthly for three years which bound makes a vol. of over 300 pages quarto. Its publication ceased in 1883. It is a treasury of much that appertains to the Revision of Spelling especially from an American standpoint. It shud be pos-est by evry one who considers the many points involvd in the general question. Its object was largely experimental as to alphabets and radically so. It was also misionary and newsy. Of the scientific work of its editor the *Internat'l Alphabet* was the outcome or conclusion to that time. Accordingly, the *Matthew* givs a comital on many points involvd. It has 69 large pages wel printed from new type specially cast we suppose. An appendix of xvi other pages treats of vocal sounds their mode of production and kindred subjects. It deserves attention as the work of an earnest advocat who has givn much tho't and trial to most fases. We aproach and examin it as such. *C* and *k* ar used as equiv- alents. 24 consonants ar distinguisht by 18 old leters and these 6 new ones:

θ t̄ h̄ k̄ j̄ ŋ

θine θin θin shin vision sing
Sin vision, or French *j*, has a *j* shape. That for *ch* may be held as *ch* conjoind. It is probabl that a *c*-shape wil merit adoption for this sound. The shape givn above is used in German *Reform* for the gutural in Ger. *nach*, Scottish *loch*. It appears betr to resign the shape to them for that sound. The diphthongs *I*, *oi*, *ou*, ar each represented by 2 leters. 12 vowels ar distinguisht thus

a a a e e i o o u u u
art at ell eel it or ox n o up put do
We shal speak of the shapes for *o* in *or* and *o* in *do* as indented *o* and *u*. The shape for vowel of *eel* is ie conjoind in Siamese twin fashion - too hermafrodite to be acceptabl. We hav not found it in use since '83. Altho holdng that the sound shud hav a let of *i* shape in any international alfabet we cud hardly favor this one. Time wil giv a betr. Chapter xxv, vers 8, reads

And θi fulik sed untu θi
waiz, Giv us øv yur øil; sør
aur lamps ar goin out.

We wud expect oil for oil. This we cannot interpret otherwise than equal to a confession that indented *o* is a bad shape when its legitimat use is shund so. We no of no one using *o* but shirks it more or les. Pitman, for exampl, goes so far as to put 'wor for *wor* in place of 'vor, and this not in an isolated word but by the hundreds.

Most of those who aproach alphabets make use of *η*. As it is not used here it is interesting to observe how certain difficultis ar met. If *v*, in *ooze* be *yd* and begin a word the *y* is exprest. In mid word, *y* is changed to *i* and *u*, as in *put*. is used where we wud expect an indented *u* - a bad shape shrkt, thus: yunue, ciubit, hiun, rebiukt. Pitman chooses *η* for *v*. in *ooze*. When such becomes *yd* is it exprest by *yη*? O no! *Iu* is chosen, *a* being his choice for the *put* vowel! This *iu* is also made do duty for two sounds *yd u* and *yd η*. In *Matthew* the latr difficulty is met thus: If *v*, in *put* be *yd*, the *y* is comonly exprest. If *t* (or *d*?) precede *yd u* or *u* a certain variety of pronunciation is givn: valyu, stat'ur, pera lvenfiur, sançhueri, scripfiur, cweshun.

Expletiv *there*, adverb *there* and pronoun *their* hav the same vowel *a*, and it too is used in words like *careful*, as
And θe went θar wæ. Þrar,
cauful, bar (bear), har (hair).

Is it not wel to allow *æ* to represent this vowel at least temporarily until its quality is setld? Exampl, *cærful*.

We hav examind it from an alphabetic standpoint. We wish space permitted examination from an orthoepic one as evry page brils with points of pronunciation, ofn questionabl mostly commendabl. The reader shud get both the *Teacher* and *Matthew* and study them. He wil then no more orthoepy than before. Both ar edited and publisht by T.R. Vickroy, Ph. D., 2933 Dickson Street, St. Louis, Mo. Our readers ar privileged to get *Matthew* at haf price until July -- a slauter price considering the expens of new types. Get both.