

JUDGMENT.—In the Revized Version (as in Ex. xii. 12, Rev. xx. 4) the revizers hav inserted silent e in judg(e)ment. Omission of e has been long and wel establisht. It is a law term of frequent occurrence, and lawyers object to this unnecessary silent leter. In many words a silent e is retaind after g to sho that g must hav its soft, or j, sound insted of its hard one. The word stage is a good exampl, which without e is stag. When d precedes g, the e is useles as dg is always sounded j. The action of the revizers in this appears stupid and retrograde.

NOVA SCOTIA.—The litl province of Nova Scotia givs a good exampl in this respect. In examina'ns for licenses to teach, the Superintendent of Educa'n wil accept spelling as amended by the linguists' 24 Rules. The *Dalhousie Gazet* wel says: "This is an exampl wel worthy imitation by all who hav it in their power, by obstinat conservatism and indifference to needed reform to present efectual oposition to it, but who can also, if wiling to interest themselvs, and make slight efort required to master plans presented for reform, giv it substantial assistance by removing the cheks to all change, which now exist. We hartly recomend the exampl of the Superintendent of Education to consideration of others in his position, c. colege authoritis, and other leaders in educational maters."

OMIT.—Mr Charles Dübler, a constant and firm frend to amendment in sp. died at Port Hope, Ont., on Aug. 7th, aged 60. A nativ of great book-making Leipsic, he had a lively sens of the stupid irregularitis of Eng., especially when contrasted with comparativ regularity found in German. In erly life he had taken part in political agitation in Berlin, looking to geting a constitutional government for Prussia, "ow in a mesure secured by a united Germany governd by its reichstrats or parliaments. His sens of the ridiculus was keen as his fund of informa'n was broad. He was amazed that habit cud so blind any one that he shud stil prefer the longest and most crooked way in orthograpy when a shorter and simpler way was pointed out. He had been an objecter for years to what he was daily compeld to undergo from Eng. orthograpy.

DROPT R.—Prof. Passy, temporarily at Abbotsbury, Dorsetshire, rites: "It is stated that dropping r before consonants is universal in outh of Eng. I can say, at any rate, it is far from universal in Dorset. Here r is pronounced generally with tung-point turnd strongly up, and, I think, with raising of bak of tung. In such words as *word, mercy, hard, far, more*, it is largely incorporated with the vowel, that is, the vowel is pronounst with tung turnd up as for r. (Com-

pare Kentish pronuncia'n of *sparrow* Sweet's Handbook.) Close o and open o kept quite distinct before r and ther's no confusing *mourning* and *morning*, *source* and *sauce*, as in London. They call this peculiar wa. of sounding r *whirring*, and say it's stil more markt in Somerset. If r is no dropt in Dorset, h, on the other hand, seem to hav completely disapeard, and without leaving any trace."

CORRESPONDENCE.

"A LION IN THE WAY."

STR,—I see that yu help to bring about Amended Sp. I favor it in some respects. But what ar we to do? If I rite a business leter for my employer in such sp., what wud the recipient think? It is not bro't before the public enuf. The daily papers shud take it up.

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[Where yu hav not control of orthograpy, yu canot go beyond what may be calld Advanced Orthograpy: using the simpler form of such words as ar speld in two or more ways. Worcester givs a list of 1800 such words, but the list is much larger. Exampls: *mold, molder, program, rime, honor* and its clas, *traveler* and its clas, *plor, wagon, defense, tho, offense, practise* (verb, including its participls *practising* and *practised*), *civilization*, and so on thru avery long list. It wud be wel worth while to hav such a list made out, so that it cud be adopted by those who accept Advanced Sp. Be very careful to avoid such misspelling as is in rong direction. Thus ther shud be two ss in *supersede*, and but one c in *license*. If yu wish to go farther than this, first get permission of yur employer. If that is not to be had yu can go a reasonabl distance in what yu hav under yur own control by having "Amended Spelling" ritn, beter printed, on note-paper and post cards which wil at once explain and excuse. Yu can use the Five Rules givn and exemplified by us in May. If that be not enuf, then hav our "Rules" printed and use them. Don't go beyond them in riting to the unconverted. If yu do, yu but cause reaction and do irreparable harm. Tho e who "go too far" do injury, which: those of moderat views hav "to liv down." *FESTINALENTE* is a good adage.—ED.]

*REVISED SPELLING: OMIT useles letters. CHANGE d to t, ph to f, gh to f, if sounded so.

ANYTHING TO BRING HIM,

"How is this?" enquired the local practitioner; "yu sent a leter that yu had small-pox and I find reumatism." "Wel, doctor, it's like this," said the patient, "not a soul in the hous cud spel reumatism."—*Bangor Commercial*.