

languages authorities of the continent took part. It will be evident, therefore, that our off-hand judgment was many a time disposed off by the highest authorities.

Following this "Key" will be found the report of the Committee, which has been published by the National Educational Association, and will sufficiently explain its origin and purpose.

RECOMMENDED KEY ALPHABET

| Letter | Name | Key-word | Letter | Name | Key-word |
|--------|------------|-------------|--------|------------|----------|
| ā | | art | ō | | nor |
| a | | artistic | o | | not |
| ai | | aisle, find | ei | | oil |
| au | | out, thou | p | pi | pit |
| ā | | air | r | er (or ūr) | rat |
| a | | at | s | es | set |
| b | bi | be | sh | esh | ship |
| ch | chī | chew | t | ti | ten |
| d | dī | day | th | eth | thin |
| ē | | prey | th | eth | that |
| e | | men | ū | | mood |
| f | ef | fee | u | | push |
| g | gī | go | ū | | urge |
| h | hī | he | u | | hut |
| i | | marine | v | ev (or vī) | vat |
| i | | tin | w | wī | win |
| iu | | mute | y | yī | yes |
| j | jī (or jē) | jaw | z | ez (or zī) | zest |
| k | kī (or kē) | kin | z | ez | azure |
| l | el | let | | | |
| m | em | met | a | for a in | ask |
| n | en | net | o | { " a " | about |
| ŋ | eŋ | sing | | { " e " | over |
| ō | | note | i | { " i " | candid |
| o | | poetic | | { " e " | added |

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

To the Department of Superintendence, National Education Association.

Your committee, appointed in 1903 to invite and join with like committees from the Modern Language Association and the American Philological Association to prepare and recommend a key alphabet for uniform use in indicating pronunciation in all our encyclopedias, dictionaries, gazetteers, text and reference books, begs leave to submit this special report at this time with the privilege of adding a supplementary report at the next meeting of the department:

We regret to be obliged to report that as yet the efforts made in accordance with your instruction in response to our report of February 25, 1909, to secure if possible the agreement of the other two societies to a compromise on the few remaining points of difference then existing between us, have not been successful. But all three committees are in such entire accord on so large a portion of the key, and your committee are so fully convinced as to the forms in the disputed cases which will most satisfactorily meet the practical, immediate demand for such a key, that it seems clearly best to lose no more time in seeking for complete harmony, so much to be desired, but that we should at once recommend for your adoption the key which in our judgment is the best solution, all things considered, of this perplexing problem possible at this time.