

The Fonetic Herald

DEVOTED TO ORTHOPI AND ORTHOGRAFI.

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PORT HOPE —The High School Literary and Debating Society had an animated debate recently on the subject 'Wud a fonetic system ov speling be advantageo.us!' The *Guide* sez: 'The afirmativ was argued by Messrs Armstrong, Allen and Philp, the negativ by Messrs. Muldrew, Salter and Williamson. The subject was very ably handld by both sides. The decision was givn in favor ov the afirmativ. — Let ther be more ov this. The yung "see it" at a glance; so far at least az tu get at the drift ov the matr, indicating the proper sound by the shape ov the letr representing it.

..... "A German" writes tu the *Times* on 'Amended Speling.' He sez German Speling iz very simpl compar'd with ours. Theirs iz so simpl that they hav no need ov a pronouncing dictionary their use ov the letrz being so uniforn that the words indicate their pronounciation. Az matr ov fact, ther ar no pronouncing dictionaries thruout Germany. He draws a humorous picture ov how we ar always lerning speling from our earliest years—dictation and much els being but speling in disguise and c.not 'spel then!!! Our future tea hers in Model and Normal training schools ar stil lerning tu spell and when they take charge ov a school hav a ..ebster tied tu their elbow while adults everywhere when writing an ordinary letr must consu t their n.b r s. tu whether ther ar two l'z in this or a silent e in that word! while their n.bur telz them rong haf the timell

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fabet Americans wud agree tu unite. The result he propozd tu an unce. exemplify and comemorate in a litt volume ov 'Literary Gems' being selections by thoz who had contributed toward making such alfabet. It iz now in pres. From advans sheets we lern that it wil be a 12 vowel alfabet. The 7 vowels following wil be uzed with the same fundamental valyuz a. we hav so far employd them: a, a, a. e, i, o, u. For long e, both the script and printed form wil be 'e,' capital 'E.' Long i wil hav a separat (13th) letr: 'i,' which wil hav 'A' inst. d ov 'I,' az capital —

In place ov $\begin{matrix} O & \Theta & U & \bar{U} \\ \text{thor will be uzed} & \Theta & \Omega & \text{D} & W \end{matrix}$ respectively. The ound ov u. az in *nut*, iz very frequently represented by o, (az in *come, done, love*.) This iz we believ, the reason for prefering an o shape for it insted ov 'U.' The alfabet propozez six new consonants; also separat signs for the difthongs in *owl* and *boy*. The alfabet must be considered on trial, and that on its own merits. So we consider the alfabet we presented at Coburg in October. While objecting tu the shapes \bar{U} , Ω , \bar{W} , az a clas. which may be call'd the indented letrz we shal not preudge it but for the present, simply announs its appearans.

'SILENT LETRZ.'—The vers in this ishuv we clipt from the *Labor Union* ov Hamilton Ont. in which Mr. R. Fielder, ov Montreal edited every week a column ov amended speling.

ADVOCATE: ov speling by sound do wel tu recolect the first two-thirds (all ov it for that matr) ov the folowing motto: *In things essential, unity; in things doubtful, liberty; in all things, charity.*