

[TRIAL CORNER: "Try all, adopt the good."—PAUL]

LITL CHILDREN BLEST.

(Mark x.)

13. And ða wer bringing untu him litl children, ðat hī shud tuch ðem; and ðe disaiplz rebīukt ðem.

14. But hwen Jīzus sō it, hī woz mūvd wið indignasion, and sed untu ðem, Sufer litl children tu cum untu mī: forbid ðem not: for ov such iz ðe kingdom ov God.

15. Verili ai sa untu yu, Husoever shal not resiv ðe kingdom ov God az a litl chaild, hī shal in no waiz enter ðerin.

16. And hī tuk ðem in hiz armz, and blest ðem, læing hiz handz upon ðem.

FONETIC STUDIZ.

Az rīder in fonetics at Yuniversiti Col-ej, Liverpūl, Dr R. J. Lloyd, M. A., deliverd hiz inōgyural lectyur on "De Yutiliti and Interest ov Fōnetic Studiz". Fōnetics ment rīali ðe saiens ov ðe produccion and natyur ov spōkn saundz, and ði art ov ðer rīproduccion. Fōnetics had bīn in ði ar for a jenerasion. Ellis and Sweet had restōrd tu Chōser hiz orijinal melodi and givn bak tu Anglo-Sacson sumthing laik its orijinal saundz. Brugmann (pronauns, brux'man-, x gutural) and vðerz hav establisht in skeleton form ðe fōnetic filiasion ov ði Aryan langwejez. ða had dun ðis in spait ov veri bakward development ov fōnetic saiens itself. A satisfactori saiens ov langwejez shud be abl tu ecspres ol fizikal fenomena ov langwejez in termz ov mater and mosion. Evri saund ov langwejez öt tu bī ultimatlī ecspres, az tu its orijin, in termz ov ðe mūvmnts and pozisionz ov ði organz criating it; and az tu its acūstic natyur, in termz ov ðe rezulting arial mūvmnts. ðe thing herd, haeuver, iz a subjectiv sensasion, subject tu saicic löz. Investigasion had bīn bizi on ol ðiz aspects ov spōkn saundz; hī (ðe lectyurer) had traid tu du hiz shar. Hiz thiori ov ðe produccion and acūstic constitusion ov vauelz, ov hwich a sketch woz givn tu ðe Liverpūl Litereri and Filosofic Sosaieti in 1890, woz nau waidli asepted in prinsipl, ðo hī had had tu corect it in sum arithmetical detalz. Hī had begun tu autlain a similar thiori ov ðe consonants, but woz gretli hamperd for wont ov a fōnograf. ðe mōr perfectli fōnetics becam a saiens, ðe mōr acyuratli and confidentli it cud bī aplaid az an art. ðis cud bī ilustrated in referens tu eni langwejez, English, foren, or clasical. Az tu clasic langwejez he shōd hau ðer ansient pronunsiasion had bīn recuverd bai fōnetic reserch, and red pesejez tu sho hau ðer orijinal miūzie had bīn ðerbai restōrd. Ecselent rezults atand in modern-langwejez tiching in Jermāni wer diu larjli tu ticherz lerning fōnetics. In ðis

tiching, a cardinal fact iz: artikyulasion ov a foren saund iz olwez mōr izili, perfectli and siurli lernd bai descripsion and practis ov muscyular eforts involvd ðan bai a mir grōping after a saund herd. ðe chf thing tu bī töt and lernd iz not ðe saund, but ðe rait and eczact wa tu prodius it. Az tu English, its preznt tendensi iz tu diverj rapidli in pronunsiasion. Yuniti ov aur langwejez iz rīali in danjer. Tū yrz ago hī had cold atension tu ðis in ðe *Westminster Reviu*. [A long ecstract from it apird in THE HERALD, Julai, '97] Fōnetisiansz wurk tu provaid practical minz tu avert ðis thretnd calamiti, a calamiti tu bī averted in no vðer wa. Ol shud wish succes tu an efort so importnt tu ðe wurld. Hī (Dr Loid) had traid tu du sumthing tu ðis grat end. Hiz litl buk, "Nordern English," gav a saientific acaunt, and niumeros eczampiz, ov pronunsiasionz yūzd bai edyucated non-provinsial Nordern Englishmen, az Mr Gladston, pronunsiasion in meni respects intermidiet tu pronunsiasion ov an edyucated Sudern Englishman and historicali ölder pronunsiasion ov a non-provinsial American or Canadian. Hwen ðe varios taips ov gud English hav bīn descraibd competentli, it wud bī taim for edyucasional öthoritiz in ðe English-spiking wurld tu tak up ðe kwestion ov a comon standard.—*Liverpool Mercury*.

MIDLAND ENGLISH.

Wi think English ov ðe Midland Cauntiz intermidiet tu Nordern and Sudern spich, az wel az in its jiografic pozision. Nordern English, historic Ængelish, ecstendz from ðe river Humber tu ðe Scotch Hailandz; Sudern, or Sacso-Norman English, iz sauth ov ðe river Temz. Midland English, got bai fuzion, stretcht intu Ulster after confiscation ov land foloing supresion ov O'Neilz rebelion under Elizabeth hu promotd "setlment" ðerin, a polisi continyud bai Jamz I and Crumwel. Min-taim, setlment went on in Niu Ingrand from 1620, and spred west thru nordern Yunaited Stats and Canada from Atlantic tu Pasific. America iz a grat melting-pot for fiūzing daialecets intu averej Midland (beter namd Fuzion) English, hūz cradl woz betwīn Humber and Temz.

KEY: Sound i a u ð ö ü
as in we may run the old saw soon
Difthongs: oi ai au iu iū
as in oil aisle owl cure due

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