THAT $50 000 BIL.

Hous Bil 303 proposes to apropriate $50 000 to TEST AND TRY the Sience of Speling for a year in a scool in Chicago where all street car lines converge so that evrybody can visit it day or even ing. 100 children and 7 teachers after being traind ar to be employd and paid to spel, rite, use, aply and handl the same and continue doing so for a year in a room large enuf to seat 1000 vis itors. The Bil has been red twice in the Hous of Represzentativs and referd to a comitee of *thirteen* members and by them referd to a subcomitee of *four* by whom it is now being considerd. I spent thirty days at the Capitol. using blak board and charts, demonstrating to the comitee the simplicity. acuracv and great yutility of the Sience. The gentlmen of both comitees lisnd aten tivly. I am satisfied that a majority of them think favorably of the Bil and wil soon report it bak to the ful comitee who wil then report it bak to Hous of Representativs for pasage. I apeard before the Senat comitee also and am asured ther wil be litl trubl in pasing it thru both Houses. It must wait its turn which I think wil come erly. It wil then become law. This wil giv the Sience of Speling national sanction af ter which it wil go on its own wel atest ed merits.

The comitee and evrybody els under stands that wise men, deep thinkers. ripe scolars. in fact anybody interested shal hav chance to visit the scool. see, hear, examin, and offer sugestions for improvement. to be carefuly considerd. If a betr form be proposed for any letr. one more easily or rapidly ritn by the children themselvs, it wil be changed; if we need another letr it shal be aded, if one is not needed it shal be erased. We shal hav by a year's end if not al redy, a plain. simpl, easy and complete alfabet and a system of speling [aprox imatly] perfect which yung children can redily lern and aply to all words of all languages and hav the same tested by a year's practice and experience.
Chicago. 5 May.   CHAS. A. STORY.

SHAKESPERE is comonly printed in modern speling and in modern type. This is not done with other old worthis like Spenser or Chaucer in which a fair atempt is made to folow the original orthografy. As to typografy they ar mostly put in a garb calld by printers modernized old style, now much used in books. Yu can find sampl at p. 14. Such old style is but an aproach to a *facsimile.* Ther ar several *facsimile* editions of the 1623 quarto. The New Shakspere Society has in hand an Old Speling edition of Shakespere. This wil render the original orthografy more redily accesibl. It is very desirabl to hav a general restoration of such old Tudor and Stuart spelings as ar partic ularly good. Shakespere and Milton furnish exampls in multitude in works esteemd clasic and so familiar. This is very important.

—*Mr H.M.Clark* rites from Margar etsvil, N. S.: "I hav been waching the movement for some years and now wish to take a more activ part—to become a worker. Yu may expect ocasional orders for copis for distribution as I intend to travel thru varius parts of this province this sumer."

Revision of Speling has been injurd and retarded by ansrs that ar premature; by foreclosure of questions which shud hav been left open Nobody shud expect to hav accepted an elab orat system of oracular dogmas which ring holow to the nok of critical in quiry. "The comon sens of most" must endors what wil stand.

Mr H. H. McCaig, Wingham. Ont., rites Bengof's *Shorthander*, Toronto, to the efect that he uoz from years of ex perience in teaching what a benefit it wud be to hav Speling by Sound so as to render needles the laborius task of lerning by hart such multitudes of word-forms. He hopes to see the Ont. Parlament move in the matr.

WHY ar our terms so framed as to multipl copis? In order that anybody so disposed can hav at cheap rate a few for distribution. Individualism — very rampant in our day — prompts each to selfish inotivs only. Hence not many take advantage of our offerd terms. not enuf anyway. Recolect yur neighbor as wel as self. *Markt* paragrafs ar sure to receiv atention.