

It has been condemd by Christian filanthropists, who see in the more than pagan darknes of English speling, a hindrance greater than pagan resistance to the rapid spred of Cristian civilization among the nations of erth.

Science, history, education, literature, comerce, religion, morality, unite in condemning a system which defies sience, belies history, obstructs education, hampers literature, hinders comerce and cheks growth of religion and morality—*Speling*.

This is a terribl indictment. It is made by responsibl partis, however. It behoves our readers to examin it carefully—especially those who ar responsibl for the educational laws, whether of State or University. Felo riters of the pres, the only posibl leaders of reform in these days, ventilate the question without a bias. The right wil then prevail.

—*Educational Review*.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### 2 RULES VS. 24 RULES.

SIR,—I think it beter to unite in pushing partially amended speling of yur 2 Rules (which ar nearly equivalent to the 24 Rules), than in atempting real fonetic speling. The trubl with the 24, or Joint Rules, is that they cannot be apliced as their authors, the filologists, intend, unless the speler is an Anglo-Saxon scolar. For instance, Rule 8 [which reads: Drop silent *u* afr *g* before *a*, and in nativ English words] tels me to rite *gilt* for *guilt*, but, not noing whether *guide* is a nativ word, I am in dout whether I am alowd to change it to *gide*. So of Rule 14, tho I am directed to spel *scool* I am forbidn to rite *s:eme* but must spel it *scheme*. Therefore yur 2 Rules:

REVISED SPELING: 1. OMIT evry useles leter  
2. CHANGE *d* to *t*, *ph* to *f*, *gh* to *f*, if sounded so  
ar more comprehensiv and satisfactory than the 24.

New York.

ELIZA B. BURNZ.

#### HE COUNTS 4.

Sir,—I notice yur statement that 1,000 subscribers at 25 cents each yearly wud be required to suport a small monthly devoted to Amended Speling. That is no greater revenue than a singl Sunday Scool requires and shud be promptly raisd. To help along, put me down for four (4) copis.

Toronto.

W. A. DOUGLASS.

A FACT:—"Papa, how do yu spel def?" "How do yu supoz, my boy?" "Why, d-e-p-h, def." "No, d-e-a-f." "But what is the a for, papa." "First, it is to make the word one-third longer than necessary; second, it wil mislead peopl, as it does, to mis-pronounce it and say def insted of def—two very poor reasons."

#### IS IT "NEETHER" or "NEITHER."

The pronunciation of "neither" is very generally considered a mater of taste. Most dictionaris giv both pronunciations, but good speakers invariably give the long e (e) sound, altho the long i [i] sound is generally suposed to hav no more serius objection than being somewhat afected. and is a pronunciation ofn adopted by clergymen, especially Episcopalians. It is, however, incorrect, as its origin wil sho. It is welnon that the German pronunciation of ei is i, as "das feind," the enemy, while the English rule is to pronounce the difthong as e, as "receive" The e sound was invariably givn in "neither" until the reign of George I. Being of the Hous of Hanover, and speaking English indiferently, he gave 'he German pronunciation to the difthong. Court parasites tho't it proper to ape the king and this pronunciation spred. Few peopl no this origin and hence the general mistake.—*Home Jurnal*.

—The editor of HERALD, Toronto, Canada, rites us as to our efforts: "Yu ar doing a good work. I hope yu wil

'Lern to labor and to wait'

as we hav in America." So in America too tner is oposition to amendment in speling! They who fight for it must "hav patience and perseverance." We hartly concur in this opinion and pride ourselves on having aided the movement in some mesure. We send a co-worker's harty greeting.—Norden (Prussia) *Reform*.

A very good man was Mr. Holmes—  
Altho he was nothing but skin and bolnes—

He sang in the choir  
With vim and phoir.

And shook the church with his deep bass tolnes—

Sampls like the above ar getting very comon in United States and Canadian newspapers. They sho the sensles irregularity of old speling. By getting them inserted in papers, we heap ridicule upon it. Evry one shud use his influence to get them inserted in any paper where he can.

—O. P. Moor has copyrighted a monthly scool report card which his nineteen years of experiens as a teacher has sugested as the very best. To place speling reform more particularly before the public, the card is printed in Amended Speling. It has a dubl report colum, one giving the average standing of the pupil, and the other that of the clas. The cards wil be sent postpaid for 35 cents per 100. Adres O. P. Moor, Window, Minn.

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