

standard is, in the first instance, social usage and expectation, then this usage as embodied in law, and finally the abstract and ideal rule of right.—JAMES DRUMMOND, LL. D., principal of Manchester College, Oxford, in *The Hibbert Journal* (Oct., 1902, p. 85) Socrates, Lysias and Plato ar quoted in confirmation.

—A solem mesAj tOO kindergartnerz: dEr frendz, wen wil yOO foofil thE bey-OOtifool drEm ov thE grAt Froebel? yOO hav bEn shOn thE wA. wen wil yOO sEs tOO instil nOn forl-estive intOO thE riten spEtsh ov thE litl tshild? vorz in tsharitev, Henry Woollen, St. Johns, Ipswich, England.

—A Supplement to *THE HERALD* appears with this issue. It is a pamphlet of 16 small pages rittn and speld by Dr Welch according to his system. Anyone seeing this notice and failing to get the supplement shud aplly for it.

—Our Type-Fund has been increast by \$5 from Mr L. Lyon, Ashtabula, O. Total, \$19.75.

—Red-Indian place-names in Ontario ar to be overhauld. Mr David Boyle, provincial museum, Toronto, asks the public to assist by giving information to form a list of Indian names by which tonografie features have been or ar known. Some obsolete names ar on record but ar scaterd over a wide field of literature; others hav never appeard in print. Giv (1) presnt name of river, bay, lake, cape, island or hill; (2) Indian name, and its meaning; (3) If the presnt name is Indian, what it means; (4) the old form, if presnt one is corrupt. We wish that evry self-governing state in both Americas wud do so. A puzzling clas of words cud then hav their speling settld.

—Investigations in fonograf fenomena have been made by Prof. McKendrick of Glasgow. Fonograf tracings ar much amplified by machine methods which giv a record on a strip of paper. Prof. McK. has devised a way wherby intensity or loudnes of tone from a fonograf may be augmented. Some of his results appear in the *Scientific American* supplement for 18th July last.

—*La Lumo* (The Light) is the only organ of the new international language, Esperanto, in the English-speaking world. It is publishd monthly at 79 St Christopher st., Montreal, Canada, at 50 cents a year to Britan. U. S. and Canada; 3 francs to other countries. (Foren stamps ar taken). It contains 16 pages 4to. Its editer, Mr A. Saint-Martin, declines to discuss the possibility of an international tung because its possibility is not theoretic but practically demonstrated evry day by uzers. In his family, wife, husband and children speak nothing else among themselv.

—Another Esperantist jurnal appeard in London since the above was in type. It is edited by H. B. Mudie, 41 Outer Temple.

—The author of *Volapük* made the mistake of employing sounds not cosmopolitan, an objection hardly tru of Esperanto, as German ch (as in ich, ach) is the only sound unherd in non-dialectic English.

—The alfabet of Esperanto is interesting as giving what ar esteemd cosmopolitan values to the Roman letters (except that c for ts is not Roman nor even Italian): a, e, i, o, u, ar sounded as in the strest vowels in father, make, marine, note, bull; c is as ts in wits, g as in gun, j as y in voke; b, d, f, h, k, l, m, n, p, r, s, t, v, z, as in English; but circumflect c, g, h, j, s, respectively as ch in church, g in gem, ch in (German) ach, s in pleasure, sh in show. Omission of capitals in Esperanto is advocated now.

—The basis *we* proceed on (consonants as in English, vowels as in Italian or German) does not corespond thruout with the use of consonants in Esperanto. We acord with the gec-

grafic societies, filologic societies and the word-forms in romanized Jaj anese.

—We hav promist to insert nothing for or against Esperanto unless we ar positiv the riter knows what he is talking about. Mr Saint-Martin wishes this becaus convinc d that many a good caus is hopelesly injured by dablers who 'i' impresions altogether rong. Wer the same rule aplied in amendment of speling, it wud be beter. Hitherto, easy good nature has permitted publication of schemes utterly wild and impracticabl against which both comon sense and ingrained prejudice rebel. Toard a solution of the problems of New Speling such schemes oft contribute les than nothing.

—A flaming-red poster recently informd good peopl at Hetton, Eng., that Rev. T. G. Selby wrd lecture on "The Religion ov Posterity" in the Wesleyan church there as wel as preach, and that ther wud be a "silver colecshon (at each servis and meeting) on behaaf ov renovashon fund." Peopl there cannot plead ignorance as to either precepts or practis of beter speling.

—Two questions on the above: (1) Shud t not be retaind in 'colecshon' as wel as in 'Cristmas'? (2) Shud 'behaaf' hav dubld 'a' or not? In that district Italian a (a) is used, tho not found in normal speech, either British or American.

—A Calendar can be uzed to broadcast our themes. One hangs in *THE HERALD* office under a medalion of Virchow. On it is a cabinet portrait 3 by 4 inches, with this legend under:

WILLIAM T. HARRIS

United States Commissioner of Education
good Spelling Reformer.

To get a good portrait of Harris, educater and filosofer, send costs (10 cents, sav), while yet in season and before they ar gon, to Mr E. B. Thornton, Addison, N. Y., who fathers the design.

—In a corner of the calendar mentioned above the twelv words (of the NEA) appear thus:

A *prolog* short, a theme profound!

My *program* this: to spell by sound.

This *pedagog* delights to see

All *demagogs* bereft u-e.

His choice, *thruout* this *decalog*,

Appears; no need to *catalog*.

The job more *thoro* we would make,

A *thorofare* we first must break.

My friends, *altho* I bid adieu,

I 'll call again, I 'm not yet *thru*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Waldhambach AGAIN (SEE P. 113).

(Transl.) Before 1541, W. was calld *Hagenbach*; til 1891, *Hambach*. Wherfore, in the vilage dialect, the first *a* is long, even today—Hāmbach (strangers shorten it thru ignorance). 'Wald-am-bach' is out of the question. As the place-name Hambach occurs very often (some six times in the empire, not counting Hagenbachs—four ours from here, near Sargemünd is another), ther was no end of confusion, til the old distinctiv name was restored, at my instance. In the Pfalts, near Annweiler, is another Waldhambach. Hām = Hagen = Hain (Hainbache also is found) occurs too in *hambuche*, *hagenbuch*, *hainbuche* [horn-beam, yoke-elm].

Waldhambach, Elsass.

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