

he red daily for ours, receivng constaut corection. Subsequently he had come in contact with men distinguisht for rank and genius.—Lounsbury, *Ibid.*, page 266. He was father of Richard Winsley Sheridan, and was an actor and maanager of theaters in both Dublin and London, and won fame as a lecturer on elocution and author.

—Lounsbury's second articl (*Harper's*, Sept.) quotes Ellis' anser to inquiries as to doubtful or variant orthoepy. He specified what pronunciation he selected for himself, and left it so. It shud be rememberd tho that Ellis throuot his long work continually recognized and mentiond receivd pronunciation. In fact the frase ocourd so often that it had a special contraction (rp.).

MR STEAD ON SPELLING

Advocats of English as the international tung shud remember that we ourselvs hopelesly bar the way by insisting on our presnt absurd speling. Wer English spelt as pronounced in acord with genral fonetic principls adopted by other nations, we wud giv an imense stimulus to spred of our language on the continent. At presnt we ar not prepared to pay the price. We prefer the look of our language with all its drawbaks to the barbaros shok our eyes receiv in reading Shakspear or the Bible in English spelt as pronounced. If we radicaly reformd our speling, we might discuss the posibility of any audacios attempt to foist our language on our neighbors. Until speling reform is an acomplisht fact the les we say about English as the universal tung the beter. What is wanted as the comon denominater of all tungs is a language (1) not now that of any one nationality; (2) very simpl and easily aquired, based on fonetic principls, with a minimum of complications in its gramar.—*Review of Reviews*, Oct., 1902.

In Esperanto evry word is red exactly as ritn—no silent leters—the vowels ar those comon to evry language except English: a, e, i, o, u, as in *father, bear, machine, note, food*. The accent falls on the last sylabl but one. The gramar is very easy, the words formd on scientific principls easily graspt and applied.—*IBID.* H. DRUMMOND.

OBITUARY: MRS BURNZ.

ELIZA VICTORIA BOARDMAN BURNZ (*nee* Boardman), born at Rayne, Essex, Eng., 31st Oct., 1823, was "bro't up on shorter catechism," in later life became les rigid, a member of the Soc'y of Ethical Culture. An alling child, for helth's sake in part, in 1837, she reacht Pulaski, Tenn., where she taut scool, later at Salem, Mis., marid the yung son of a coton planter, in '44, was left,

a year after, a destitute widow with a girl a month old. She taut again; in 1847 was principal of a girls' academy at Bolivar, Ten., and marid Rev. John B. Burns (who studid medicin later, practist, was an army surgeon in "the war," dying 1875). In the fifties wer born a dauter, Fonetta, and two sons, Ellis (died 1867) and Channing, who became his mother's partner and keeps on the busines at 39 east 8th st., New York. The children's names indicate her heroes. She was asociated in Cincinnati with the Longley brothers in fonic publishing and taut scool there. In the sixties she taut illiterat freedmen to read by fonetic methods, at Nashvil, Ten., in the erly days of what is now Fisk university (colored). In 1869 shorthand teaching and publishing was begun in New York. Eight years ago dizines caused a fall, fracturing a hip, rendering her an invalid ever after. Lately her stomach, always weak, developt cancer. Later a dropsical condition supervened to mitigate suffering, and this earnest, activ, strenuos, restless spirit enterd into rest on June 19th at a sanitarium at Walters Park, Pa., where she stayd for sevn years. Larison's *Journal* for July and Aug. has a ful and appreciativ notice from which we take much of the above. We hope to find space for an estimat of her work.



OUR LETER BOX.

A. McG.—The statement on p. 114 that use of the acute accent or macron dates from the first century B. C. rests, not on manuscripts (as yu asume) which ar lost, but on inscriptions stil extant on stone. One such is that of a yung actres dated by Mommsen and Ritschl at the end of the Roman republic (1st cent. B.C.). In it ar found two words so markt (LÉTI and HÓRA in uncials). Papillon transliterates it in *Manual of Comp. Philology*, APPENDIX I.

R. T. C.—Speaking broadly, and omitting weak vowels, the ful vowels in Northern England and here may be grafically put thus (capitals sho primary vowels):

Northern Eng.				American			
		u	U			u	U
I	i	O		I	i	O	
E	e	o		E	e	^	o
		a				æ	o
		A					

Forgiv AS aur trespasez az wi forgiv ðem ðat trespas agenst AS.

Forgiv AS aur detez; lid AS not intu temptesion, bat deliver AS from ivil.