

trameled, maneuver!" In much soro and pity we perceiv, that John Bull's stubbornly blind jurnalistic champions lead him to destruction. Prof. Brander Matthews on American Speling is a complete anser. It apeard in Harpers' Magazine, July, 1892, reprinted among his essays.

—*The Dial* (Chicago, 16th July) has a special anser to the articl in MacMillan's. It is by P. J. B., of Malden, Mass., who "wonders why the English cling so jelosly to u in honour, but drop it in pallor, horror, terror, author, and a hundred other words having exactly the same Latin-French pedigree. Retaining French u in certn cases why does the Englishman insist on discarding French s in offense, defense, derived originally from Latin forms in -ensa? In Middl English we find forms in -ens, -ense; the form in -ence is a comparatively late departure from good spelings. Likewise, -or represents, as a rule, an erlier English -our; but wheras our cusins hav reverted to Latin in some cases, not in others, we in America, for the sake of both brevity and uniformity, drop u almost without exception. Ogilvie givs 'pretense' as the beter speling."

—"The Algonkin Element in English" (Athenæum, 21st June, by James Platt jun., 77 Saint Martins lane, London) says "Nativ American terms naturalized in English ar derived chiefly from one or other of the languages calld colectivly Algonkin. Among Northern Algonkin ar Cree and Ojibway of which dictionaries exist by Watkins, (1865) and Baraga (Montreal, 1880). Among Eastern dialects ar Abenaki (dict'y by Rasles, 1691), Delaware (Brinton and Anthony), Micmac (by Rand, Toronto, 1888), Narragansett (by Roger Williams, reprinted 1866), etc." He then treats of the words cariboo, mummychog, pemmican, persimmon, pone, powwow, quicxhatch, sagamore, seawant, squeteague, terrapin, tullipee.

—"Charli, dear," said yung Mrs Torkin, "which canal route do yu think they 'l select?"—"I don't no. What 's yur preference?"—"The Panama, so much easier to spel."—Daily Star.

—The outlook in conservativ Britan is givn thus by Mr Drummond in Pitman's Jurnal: "The litl hope ther is of progressiv reform rests with (1) the action of Americans and Colonials; (2) the desire of comercial men to get rid of a needles burden; (3) presure of scool life necessitates utmost economy; (4) printers' conservatism giving way to methods more economic."

—Rules and Regulations of the Hetton-le-Hole (Eng.) Wesleyan Methodist Sabbath Scool, a pamflet of eight small pages, contains quite a large number of amended spelings, mostly comendabl, as "termd, scool, raisd, preacht, suitabl, hym, ther, shal, ful, evry, deemd, purpos, receivd, discust." This is useful and worthy of imitation, for dul is the scolar not redy to infer that reformd speling is (1) a live issue, (2) justifiabl, (3) redily practist, at least so far as to omit useles letters, with change of -ed to t if sounded so.

—Founding a British Academy (see our p. 91) is acomplisht. It starts with 49 immortals, a sectional filosofic academy with Herbert Spencer left out, not an academy of letters for Hardy, Meredith, Dobson and Hewlett ar not in it. Had it been formd on like lines when Victoria's reign opend, Macaulay, Gladston, Froude and Freeman wud hav been in, but Wordsworth, Thackeray, Dickens, Bulwer, Ruskin, Tennyson, Browning and Carlyle, out. Its utility on a basis so naro is questionabl.

—A Supplement, two pages, belongs to this HERALD. It contains our Platform and a specimen of proposed New Speling by Mr Phipson (diacritics) with an attempt to render Latin orthoepy by English vowel-values (as i by ee, u by oo, a by ah, etc.)—a reductio ad absurdum, so

far as concerns us. It makes us tired to see Rumania speld Roomayneeah or Roomahneeah, especially as the bawl, insular versus continental vowel-values, was fo: to a finish ful thirty years ago by the late Duke of Argyle and Mr, later Sir Wm, Hunter. It is particularly tiresome to hear advocats of insular values proclaim their and our ideal—a sign for each sound—and then, without waiting for their breth to cool, uze oo and alike stupid complicated dubls for simpl singl u, a, e, i, o, alredy to hand and in world-wide use! How much longer wil yu abuze our patience, O inconsistent ones! [Qousque tandem abutere, Catilina, patientia nostra!—as Cicero with fiery eloquence began in the senat his face-to-face adress of a ploting traitor, drest down in good style.]

—Readers of this who hav not seen the Supplement mentiond above shud aply for it—Britishers to Mr Phipson, 151 Strand, London.

—*Qousque Tandem?* was the name, moto and key-note of an organization in Germany for amended speling. Prof. Vietor, of Marburg, formerly of Liverpool, was a moving spirit.

—The New England dialect receives exemplification by G. S. Wasson in The Bo's'n Hill Ground (Atlantic Monthly, July), a coasting story. Beside Lowell, always standard, is Profeser Sheldon with an articl, precise and scolarly, on A New Englander's English, nine pages (Dialect Notes, i, p. 32). He comes from Bath, Maine.

—Uniformity of German orthography, as heralded on our pages 77 and 87, is acomplisht. British-Americans ar behind with theirs—like a cow's tail, always behind. Sevrul treatises expound German progres in this, while we hang our hed in shame at our non-progres. Dr Duden has publisht two at Leipzig and Vienna. one of 338 pages 8vo, one of 129 pages 12mo; Dr. Matthias, at Leipzig, one of 355 pages 8vo; K. Erbe, Stuttgart and Berlin, one of 56 pages 8vo; and so on.

—In Germany hitherto ther hav been difrent sets of variant spelings in use in Prussia, Bavaria, Austria, Wuerttemberg, Switzerland and elswhere, just as we hav American sets of variants along with British sets in our language. All these giv way to uniformity—establisht Preferd Spelings. When wil British-Americans hav as much progresivnes and good sense?

—The *Journal fuer Buchdruckerkunst* reviews the ro of books apearing simultaneously on its editorial table anent the field of German uniformity as to word-forms mentiond above. Its critical observations go over the ground. A translation and reproduction of them is an excellent piece of work done by Mr N. J. Werner, of St Louis, and fills over eight pages in The Journal of Orthoepy and Orthography for June. We wish and beg as much for such work as ask money.

—The apeal for funds for an edition of a pamflet by Mr Broomell on Speling has been met generously by Mrs Burnz, a semi-invalid now at Walters Park, Pa. Unable to work, she supplies \$50 to put out a new edition from stereotype plates, which Mr Boss wil bring out when he recovers from serios stomach trubl. Its paragraphs ar to hav explanatory captions. In speling, the Ten Rules wil be folod, wisely we think—go not too far or too fast. Thus, by proxy, Mrs Burnz is stil activ.

—Sledge-hamer nudges of Wake up, John Bull! wer givn at the Belfast meeting in September of the Asoc'n for Advanc't of Siense. Prof. Dewar said British bakwardnes was an extraordinary and disastros fenomenon; the cuntry was two generations behind Germany! Profeser Armstrong pled for infusion of American life and energy into their educational system, or els send it to the scrap heap, and refit scools and their masters along scientific lines!