

cernd only. "The public iz not redy for the introduction ov new consonants." For the first year or two, new lettrz wil be uzed tentatively only; after that, such vowel signs shal be uzed az secure a pretty general consent and for which thoz who favor them shal furnish the means for procuring. The wel-non "Five Rules" wil be the minimum ov change employd; the maximum wil be a complete representation ov the vowels, each having its own sign.

The venture iz not undertaken for pecuniary profit. It wil not be profitabl. Much trublsom work and a larj corespondens may be entaild, besides the direct outlay for 'plant', printing and postej. Hence the necessity ov its quite paying actual expenses. Suitabl 'plant' wil cost \$100; each ishu wil cost \$10, or \$100 a year, without alowing for editorial trubl. 500 subscribers ar needed tu pay curent expenses.

The alfabet yuzd in the examplz iz eferd bi the undersind az presenting a number ov favorabl peints for acceptans.

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P. S., 30th Nov., '84.—Until a sufishent strcqlashcn haz ben securd, a shet onli wun haf the siz ov that propozd wil be ishud. Wil thoz interested help tu get it thru recommending the paper or sending it regularli tu thoz hu wil aprshiat it? Plez furnish the nam ov eni wun hu empleiz fonetic sberthand. With jeneral apathi it canot go on. It represents a public czs. It wil dezurv a sustaining patronej. Wil it get it? Until enlarjment, it wil be furnisht at 2 copiz fer 25 sents a yer, 5 fer 50 sents, 12 fer \$1. Send \$1 and a duzn namz. Wil the frendz ov a rashunal orthografi bestur themselvz? Adres *Fonetic Herald*, Port Hope, Canada.

AN ENLARGED ALFABET.

(Synopsis ov an adres by Dr. A. Hamilton before meeting ov Northumberland County Teachers' Association at Cobourg, Ont., 17th Oct., 1884.)

It iz taken for granted az an acnolejd fact that orthografy iz defectiv. Mr. Dixon haz just given hiz mode ov teaching speling, that iz, how tu remember the forms ov words. He iz the best speler who haz the greatest number ov anomaliz fixt in memory. 'Rogue,' a word Mr. D. uzed in illustration, haz 5 lettrz for 3 sounds: r, o, g; a silent e iz aded tu show that o iz long, but az g wud be made soft by that, a u iz put in between g and e tu keep it hard; and having, by this tinkering proces, made some amends for our defectiv alfabet, we must remember that both ar silent! Yu ar assumed tu say: 'We admit the existence and the gravity ov the disease, but what iz the remedy? what ar yu going tu do about it?'

The remedy consists in revising and enlarging the alfabet, which let us do. We need 'for each sound, one sign.' Having that, we spel by sound, insted ov by memory. Having given the sound, i. e., the pronunciation, we no how tu spel; and, conversly, given the speling, we no the pronunciation, insted ov gesing at it, az now, and usually gesing wrong in all unfamiliar words. Ther ar about 36 sounds; our alfabet haz but 23 efectiv lettrz. The chief defect iz in the vowels: we hav but 5 vowel signs, a e i o u, while ther ar 12 vowel sounds needing representation, or 13, including long i, theoretically a difthong, practically a singl vowel. Choosing 8 familiar shapes, we hav the following key and examplz. With a sign for each vowel, the problem iz, in efect, solvd.