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OPINIONS OF EMINENT MEN.

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The idea that presnt speling is a grand historic system is a falacy. Insted of be- ing historic it is a jumbl.—Dr J.H.GLAD- STONE, F. R. S.

Nothing need be invented to make spel- ing easy, consistent and simpl. Ther is requisit litl more than omision of useles leters. Even ful fonetics wil come gradu- ally thru simplified speling.—Dr T. B. WELCH.

As an unfortunat compeld to pas over ruf places in our antique speling, I feel gratefult to inovaters, American and other, who help to smoothe the way for yung peopl. . . .lightening burdens imposed by ignorance and prejudice.—GEO. MACLOS- KIE, prof. of Biology, Princeton university.

I look on establisht speling as a mas of anomalies, the growth of ignorance and chance, equally repugnant to good taste and comon sense. The public cling to the anomalies with a tenacity proportional to their absurdity, jelos of all encroachment on ground consecrated by prescription to the free play of blind caprice.—CONNOP THIRLWALL, D. D., Bishop of St Davids.

Evry one familiar with the busines of education is familiar with the fact that this plague of speling is a plague that meets us all. It is also a costly plague. . . . I am not ashamed to say that I some- times do not no how to spel a word until I put it down in riting, and it comends it- self to a sort of organ—I cannot call it sight or tho't, it is something between— and enormos time is wasted so by all clas- es. What I feel most is that out of the scanty time alowd for education in ele- mentary scools, one year at least shud be literally wasted in what is worse than use- les—simply puzling the child.—JOSEPH ANGUS, D. D.

WANTED, A HARRIET BEECHER STOWE.

Most intelligent peopl ar alredy convin- ced that speling ref'm is a worthy cause. Public education in this has been of the hed, not the hart : it shud be of both.

To set the machinery in motion what is

needed? A great story wil both teach the hed and tuch the hart. Ther is plenty of material for such. Milions of children hav their tender minds confused and stu- pefied by the hard, dry, useles, sensles stuf of silent leters or complicated substitutes. Many ar drivn by utter repulsivnes in sp. *from study to truancy.* Thru this, some, otherwise the making of good citizens, fall into evil company, go from bad to worse, landing in prison.

With welth of material, ther is no Har- riet Beecher Stowe to rite the story. May God raise up some humbl scool girl or teacher with power to stir all humanity's hart. Irvington, N. Y. G.W.WISHARD.

NEWS-NOTES AND COMENTS.

—A necrologist wanted. This was one of many tho'ts by the riter as he saw the mortal remains of Bishop Thirlwall laid at rest, about 1st Aug., 1875, in Westminster Abbey. One of his opinions appears in the colum just before this.— No ful statement of his views on this is extant, as they shud be. Here is an outspoken scolar on- ord by coterporaries, taking part in Old Testa- ment revision, translator of Schleiermacher's critical work on Luke's gospel, and (with Arch- deacon Hare, another speling reformer) of Nie- buhr's history of Rome; while his own masterly history of Greece in eight vol's ranks with that of Grote. Too litl is known of what such scolars rote and tho't on amended wordforms.

—Dr John Hall Gladstone, not a relativ of premier Gladston, was born in London in 1827 and died there sudnly on 6th Oct. last. He was educated in University Colege, London, and at Gtissen university. For 21 years he represented Chelsea in the London Scool Board, and much of his activ life was as an educator. He is considered a founder of fysical chemistry. In 1872, as pres't of the chemical section of the British Asoc'n he said "The so-call'd educated clases in England [elsewhere, too] ar not only supremely ignorant of sience, they hav scarcely arived at the first stage of improvement—noledge of their own ignorance." Much of his energy was along this line, popular education or difusion of noledge. Nature (of 16th Oct) says : "The beuty of his ca- racter and the kindlines of his nature endeard him to all." See his opinion in colum preceding. He rote a small book (Spelling Reform, publsht by Macmillan) replete with strong reasoning, sound judgment and moderation.

—Dr Joseph Angus, principal of a col- ege at Regents Park, London, is another of our recent losses by deth. His Handbook of English, much uzed as a textbook in scools and cologes, is in sevral places clearly in favor of amendment of sp. It is now subject of world gossip that on his visit to America in 1870 he was oferd the pres- idency of Chicago university. See his opinion in colum preceding.