

The Fonetic Herald.

DEVOTED TO PRONUNCIATION AND REVISED SPELLING.

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ONTARIO.—At midsumr meeting of Ont. Teachers' Assoc'n a comitee was appointed on Revised Speling to report next year. It consist of Messrs Strang, Dixon, Cambel Hughes, Houston, Hendry and Alexander. Mr Strang is hed master of Goderich Collegiat Institute; Mr Alexander is connected with (alt scools; the others ar Torontonians. . . . The Toronto *Globe*, the most widely circulated daily in Canada has recently begun dropping *u* from ending *our*. It also practises Revised Sp. in some other words, as *jail* for *gaol*, *wagon* insted of *waggon*, etc. . . . *Grip*, the humorus paper of Canada, antedated the *Globe* in emancipation from thraldom of *our*. A few sheets stil practis the fosil endings and other orthograpy to correspond. All amendment by newspapers is clear gain as peopl unconsciously adopt what is seen to prevail. Newspapers ar most efectiv educators. All of us shud urge use of Amended Sp. in the pres, so far as we hav oportunity and influence. . . . Mr Tomas Bengof publishes the *Cosmopolitan Shorthand* at Toronto and thereby ably helps disseminate Fonograpy. He also says that he f.a.v.o.u.r.s (H) Simplified Sp. As the *Shorthand* practises antiquated speling Mr B. is justly taken to tak for this by the *Shorthand Writer* of Chicago itself a model practiser of what it preaches. It is a poor way to help temperance as Snooks does—gets drunk. Mr B. blames it all on the printer whom he has dismissed and promises amendment. We shal see.

SWEDEN has a S. R. A. not yet six months old yet numbering more than 1000 members. Prof. Noreen of Upsala is president. The contribution is 28 cts. a year. Its organ, the *Nystavaren*, appears monthly. Prof. Storm, of Christiana, is probably the greatest fonetician and most accomplished linguist living. He speaks English and Italian quite like a nativ; French, German, Spanish, etc., nearly so. He has practical noledge of all Romance and Germanic languages, with 200 Norwegian dialects!

—*Dr J. H. Worman*, directr of the sumr scools at Round Lake, N. Y., is aranging for a grand convention of educationists of U.S. and Canada at Montreal in July '87. Friends of Sensibl Speling shud be there, and "put their oar in" too.

SHAKESPERE S works ar comonly in modernized orthograpy. Those objectors who profes to prefer to read their dear old Shakespere in the original ar apt to forget this. We giv sampls from title pages publishd during his life-time:—*The true chronicle of Kynge Henrie the Eighth,* wythe the costlie coronation of Queen Anne Bulleyne, the cunninge of Cardinal Woolsey; wythe his disgrace and deathe; wythe the birthe and chrystianing of our gracious princess Elizabeth. [1597.] Also *The true and wonderfull chronicle, historie of "Leare Kynge of Englande," wythe hys lyfe and deathe, wythe the unfortunate lyfe of Edgar, heire to the Earle of Gloster, and hys sullen and assumed humour of Tom a Bedlame.* [1598, 1608.] It is plain that orthograpy has improved since.

AN INTERNATIONAL FONETIC ASSOCIA'N has been propozd as we lern from privat lettr. It is likely to take form in a year or two. Its leading ideas ar likely to be these two: 1. The study and advancement of general fonetic sience and the acurat representation of "the best" pronunciation of evry trng and its principal dialects. 2. Practical aplication of this theoretic noledge to teaching orthoepy of diferent tungs. Revision of orthograpy wil probaby not—o't not at least—engage the general associa'n. That shud be left to national asoc'n each for it own language—the general associa'n cud chek want of harmony. Its hed-quarters shud be on continent of Europ where a great many speak two or three languages and where linguistica is in a more practical way than in Britan or with us. The idea appears to hav sprung from the succes of teaching English by fonetic method in France, the query then arising why not aply the principl generaly?