

'FAIR PLAY IZ A JEWEL.'

About a year ago a writer in the *Toronto Week* gave az a sampl ov speling by sound a quotation from the *Phonetic Teacher* ov St. Louis. In the original no les than 14 new letr forms wer used. Now wil it be believd that this was put in common type without k. y or other explanation az a specimen!!! He was taken tu task and this gross misrepresentation expozd. Where a new letr occurd an old one (often very unlike) was put in. We wud not refer tu it now but we notis the new paper pres ov Ontario ar committing the same sin ov both omission and commission.—The *London Advertiser*, *Hamilton Spectator* and *Port Hope Times* hav done so tu our nolej. Ar their spectaclz so bespatrd with political gore from pitching intu the other party that they can not see straight! Wipe yur ethical glasez gentlemen so that yu wil not misrepresent yur nabur by caricature. Abuv all mend yur exceedingly bad speling.

This ansr must do once for all. In future we shal simply send a markt copy ov this tu all hu hav sind likewise and expect each tu make reparation in next ishu.

OPINIONS

Mr A. McLachlan, author ov several volumes ov poems, writes from Amaranth, Ont.: "Speling haz all along been a teribl trubt tu me for it iz so outrage-

ously contrary tu nature and common sens. But whether the cuntry iz prepard tu receiv a new system or not I canot tel. I hav generally found that all innovations, whether right or rong, wer very ungraciously receivd on their first anouncement tu the world, but enithing that flatrz the old and establish and runs in the old groo: z ov prejudices and props up a proven humbug iz always welcom."

Dr. J. A. H. Murray, the celebrated linguist, Prezident ov the Philological Society and editor ov its new dictionary, once wrote tu a member ov the English Speling Ref. rm Association:—"Az tu practical mezures, I strongly approve ov gradual steps. If speing reformers wil agree on a list ov imediat changes, and plej themselves tu uze them *whenever they can*, I wil join them in doing so. If some hundreds o. men wil do this, it canot be laft down. I wud hav a list drawn up ov words on which ther wud be jeneral agreement, excluding for the prent *all* doubtful words, but including a l thoz like *hav, giv, catalog, tung, det, dout, coud, sovereign, lord, prest, deckt*, whose superfluous letrz ar both *unphonetic* and *unhistoric*, in order tu make a beginning, and in fact tu make the matra practical one, so that peopl wud be forced tu say:—"Some peopl spel this word so and so: I think theirs iz a betr way." The new must I believ be grafted on the old; all past changes hav so been. The Americans ar trying tu do this, and I believ they wil succeed."

[The list propozd iz under way. It wil probably appear within a year.]

THE FIVE RULES.

1. Omit *a* from the digraf *ea* when pronounst as *e* short, as *hed, helth, etc.*
2. Omit silent *e* after a short vowel, as in *hav, giv, liv, definit, infinit.*
3. Write *f* for *ph* in such words as *alfabet, fantom, camfor, filosofy, telegraf.*
4. When a word ends with a doubl letter, omit the last, as in *shal, clif, eg.*
5. Change *ed* final to *t* where it has the sound of *t*, as in *lasht, imprest, fixt.*

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