

difference of meaning attach to *dialect*. Worcester says dialect is "The form of a language, or the mode of speaking or riting it, *peculiar to a certain province or district*." In this sense, a dialect can be spoken only by the preponderating majority in a district. Broken speech from a Norwegian is a personal peculiarity which others in his district don't copy, not even his children. *National peculiarities* largely disappear in a single generation in the great whirlpool, America. *M* shud specify districts. He does not do so unless reference to New England be such. Do the majority in it employ such markt deviations as to constitute dialect? If so, it wud be well to specify them categorically.—Ed.]

FRANCE—The *Fonetic Teacher* that we heralded on p. 57 has reacht us. It is printed in English with markt lettrs. Its use of lettr shapes is more in acord with French usage than ours. The paper is a mouth-piece for the Association of Teachers by *Fonetic Methods*. In other words they hav found that the best way to teach English and other tungs is the *sound* method and this is their organ. Altho this is its principal purpos, it sheds much light on problems of spelling by sound. Its editor is Prof. Paul Passy, 6, Rue Laborde, Neuilly sur Seine, a suburb of Paris, France. It appears monthly at a franc a year. Allowng for extra postage, we suppose it wud be sent here for 25 cents.

—The reason for preferng *E* for the vowel in *eel* is that it is an *i*-shape—other nations generally use *i* for the sound. Our second choice is *e*. We wud accept the latr wer it in general favor. *E* may be considerd an *e* shape also and be the more generally favord.

Mortgage is apparently a word of great uncertainty as to orthograpy judging by this list compiled from lettrs receivd by Western Canada Loan & Savings Co.

1. Morguage 9 Morgueage 16. Morgue
2. Morgeses 10. Mogueage 17 Morgeg
3. Morgigs 11. Mortgatge 18. Morchg
4. Morgage 12. Morctgage 19. Maroge
5. Mortage 13. Mortegage 20. Morage
6. Morgich 14. Martgage 21. Mortgig
7. Mortagw 15. Mortague 22. Morgoge
8. Mortgage.

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LITERATURE.

A PRONOUNCING AND SPELLING DICTIONARY alphabetically aranged according to Webster's pronunciation, for scools and familis. Prepared by C. W. Knudsen and others. Golding Bros publishers, South Norwalk, Conn., xiv and 391 pages 12mo. Sent post-paid for \$1.

This volume, well printed with type of this size on good paper and bound in cloth, is an important addition to the literature of Simplification of Spelling. Got up by Prof. C. W. Knudsen of South Norwalk, Conn., assisted by ninety correspondents, it has been three years in progres. It may be had of Prof. K. or the publishers. It is evidently a work of one of strong convictions who has the courage of his convictions so as to embody them in hard type, an expensive process, and produce this neat book. If we no the pronunciation, the book will give the old spelling, the accent and syllabication. To indicate pronunciation a system is used which gives a very readable print—a system consistent and complete in three sizes of type. Script and italic forms too are furnished, besides a manual alphabet for the deaf and dumb. Deaf mutes are now comonly taught to read speech by watching the speaker's lips. We believe it will be found valuable in deaf-mute schools, a pupil having got a word by lip-motion indicating its sound may wish to learn the old spelling silent lettrs and all which this book will give.

The system is the same as in the author's *Mark* notist p. 32, but changed a litt for the bettr. Space forbids illustration and criticism until the future. We close by stating the alphabet: shade vowel in *earth* is represented by *ə* and the twelve standard vowels thus:

a' a e e' i' i e e' o' o u u'
 art at ale ell eel it ox or ne us put do
 Diphthongs ar j (capital *J*) oi and ou,
 q is used for both yd u and yd u'. *Th*
 in *then* is distinguisht from *th* in *thin*
 by having *t* in the former crosst twice.
 If it wer used on the latr it wud mark
 the page les becans much les frequent.
 Evry one interested in Orthoepy or in
 Alphabets shud secure the book.

WELLESLEY is a superabundance of lettrs for *Welsly*.