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## SECOND LINE OF ADVANCE. "SYNDROM."

In these pages for April last, we gave an outline of a First Line of Advance as Amended (or Revized) Speling. Speling on this page is a sampl of it. It is far in advance of any jurnal practising Amended Speling in any degree. At presnt it is useles, even mischivos, to go further in this direction, becaus who cud folo? It is mistaken tactics for any leader to be out of sight ahed of his foloers. They shud be close behind marshald in compact order. Can New Speling not be bro't about by gradual change? It wil take as long as it took Niagara to erode that roky gorge of sevn miles from Queenston Hights—during which the natural drift of the language wil hav carid it away faster than its speling is rectified! This "stil begining, never ending" proces wil not do. While Amended Speling is great gain, it cannot be final—a start, not a terminus.

The Second Line of Advance shud look to a finisht system of Orthografy, syndrom to traditional speling. This system wil require subsequent slight rectification at infrequent intervals of a century or two, just as the calendar, once radically corected, stil requires trivial corection by a pre-concerted plan. It has been a great mistake to suppose that Orthografy wud, shud, or cud be made to supersede at any specified date Speling long in use and in which a national literature has been embamd.

Between Amended Speling and Orthografy ther shud be no other stage. But a few years ago, Pitman had four stages, all too radical. Recently these had been reduced, wisely we think, to two, both yet too radical.

The two must strugl, side by side, for mastery; just as Roman forms now strugl in Germany with Gothic ones; just as decimal coinage has superseded other systems in all cisatlantic states, tho in transatlantic ones a peopl of the same stok, speech and similar institutions yet prefers £. s. d.; just as a metric system of weights and mesures yet strugls on both sides of the Atlantic for recognition in "the good time coming" against retched systems yet prevalent.

Analogy or paralel wil make clear:—Amended Speling is like navigation before the days of the mariner's compas—the mariner hugd the shore; losing sight of land was a fearful calamity. So, in Amended Speling, traditional speling is kept ever in view. Orthografy is like venturing on the broad ocean trusting to compas for direction, cronometer for longitude, sextant for latitude. So, Orthografy boldly promulgates new word-forms, led by its guiding principls.

To put the vocabulary of a language in a new stereotyped or "fixt" dres is quite an undertaking—a work done for Greek twenty centuris ago; for Hebrew, twel centuris ago, after much consideration by Alexandrian and Palestinian Jews and consultation between them, their language being ritn with consonants only for twenty centuris after Moses; for Japanese by a man stil living. For our language, however, the work has been done alredy in a great mesure. Now it is mater of detail that is to be setld—such work as is done "in comittee" in legislatures, and not in comittee of all either. Each word has to be past on—or enuf words examind and past on that the remainder may be inferd by Analogy, and so all become "fixt."

To put this explicitly before the reader it may be wel to giv a first draft of a part of such a list as might be named a

### WORD-REGISTER.

AMENDED (OR REVIZED) SPELLING.	PROPOSED ORTHOGRAFY ("SYNDROM.")	COSMOPOLITAN ORTHOEPY (VARIORUM.)
dispatch	—*	dis.pætʃ
God	—	gɒd
laf	—	læf
lern	—	lɜrn
natural	natyural	næt.yu.rəl.
nature	netyur	næt.yur.
president	prezident	prez.i.dent.
precedent	president	pres.i.dent.
rebl (noun)	—	reb:l
rebel (verb)	—	ri.bel
save	sav	—
saver	saver	sæv.er.
savor	savor	sæv.or.
Savior	Savier	sæv.i.er.

\*A dash (—) means "same as the preceding."