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THE UNDERSIGN'D propozes starting an 8-paged monthly paper, entitld THE FONETIC HERALD, (no ishuz for July or August) at 25 cents per year, five copies \$1, or \$1 for five years. The size ov page shal be about that ov the *Atlantic Monthly*. The first number wil apear az soon az sufishent encurajment iz givn. Its chief object wil be tu elucidate and exemplify the *simplicity* and the *practicability* ov amending English orthograpy on a fonetic basis. It shal not be the organ ov any party, sect or society; nor advocate any particular alfabet or other views, but wil treat the whole subject az one ov linguistic science, and therefore tu be aproacht in the spirit ov general science, always unbigoted and cosmopolitan. Orthoepy, a sister subject ov orthograpy, shal receiv a larj shar ov atention, az wil also, in les degree, etymology.

While orthografic reform haz printed exponents elshwar, it haz none in 'his cuntry. Its speshal object wil be tu call public atention tu it in Canada, espeshally in Ontario, and at the same time furnish a mouth-piece for such suggestions ov orthografic amendment az may be made by its readers. Its matr wil be mainly elementary and missionary. It wil serv tu unite thoz alredy interested, and hu ar now doing singl-handed skirmishing. We shal acomplish more by concentration and union.

The price haz been put so low that it wil not be a tax on any one interested in the least. For \$1, each can keep himself abrest ov the movement for five years and at the same time acquire a nolej ov hiz own tung tu be got in no other way than by considering its sounds analytically.

The study ov fonetic science iz the best means ov becoming a thro English scolar az regards the structure, etymology, orthoepy, history and analysis ov the langwej. Az such it interests every one. Even thoz ov liberal education hav, strange tu say, a defectiv nolej ov their own tung.

Orthografic amendment iz ov interest tu every *teacher* az promising a means ov escaping the weary drujery ov constantly teaching and correcting so much patience-exhausting mis-spelling, the most disagreeabl part ov scool life, and which yet takes nearly haf ov it. Tu every *parent* it iz ov importans az saving childhood from the evils ov "craming." It interests every *child* az helping tu lead tu an emancipation from the slavery ov the spelling book and pronouncing dictionary thruout life.

While each can do much with tung and pen, most wil hav tu be done by printed matr thru the mails. The need ov such for exemplification and for distribution in cheap form haz led tu the prez. st propozal.

The jurnal wil advocate "a sign for a sound" so far az the vowels ar con-