

# The Fonetic Herald

DEVOTED TO PRONUNCIATION AND REVISED SPELLING.

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**TORONTO.**—Mr W. Houston, M. A., bro t before Canadian Institute a resolu- tion to apoint Messrs Boyle, Browning, Shaw and himself a comitee to asertain and report what steps had been taken by Governments Universitis. Coleges and Lerned Societis to secure general introduction of a more simpl Speling. Mr H. had presented his views on this in other places. As a rule, speling in a more logical and simpl maner was apoved by teachers and those familiar with the subject. This reform wud revolutionize speling in about 10,000 words or 5000 of those constantly used, without greatly changing their appearance. Mr Browning in seconding tho't it did not go far enuf. He preferd the Inst. taking more activ part. Dr Casidy said he had alredy gon to trubl of lerning to spel and did not wish to lern over again. In reading works of great riters he was acquainted with their tho'ts as presented in certan speling and change of that wud to great extent mar effect of tho'ts. He wud prefer the motion tabled. Dr C. alone oposed it. After Dr Workman, Messrs Livingstone, Ker, Dale and others had exprest them-s-lvs in its favor the resolution was carid.—*World*. [The Can. Inst. is a scientific body long establish't. It champions the 24 our movement. A like motion at last meeting of Univ. Toronto Senat was ruled out of order—'an African in the fence.']

**FRANCE.**—The Asoc'n of teachers by fonetic methods determin to start a monthly the size of H LD printed holely in a 36 letr alfa' to be call'd the *Fonetic Teacher*. It wul be in English they find the best way to teach our language is by the sound method. Ther ar signs of progres for French too. A German bookseler, Henninger in

Heilb'onn, is publishing two books of fonetic French one by Mons. F. Franke the other by Prof P. Passy. A noteworthy thing is he not only pays cost of publishing but the authors for their work. He rekons on a large sale.

*Sara* is now fashionabl for *Sarah*. Did Sara Bernhardt set the fashon?

—'AITY-ATE' dolars was the amount call'd for by a chek presented recently at the Catskil (N. Y.) National Bank.

—*Misionaris* desiring literature of Revision of Speling for distribution o't to send us 25 cts. for a large parcel of bak numbers. We wil send thoz of any particular issue if requested—so far as we hav them.

**QUANTITY & QUALITY.**—Prof. P. Passy rites from Paris, France, "After much tho't and study I hav come to yur opinion that *quality* only shud be indicated by shapes of letrs. Distinguish *quantity* when necessary by diacritics."

☞ In *weight* 6 letrs represent 3 sounds indicated by w a t. So ther ar in *tough* 5 letrs for 3 sounds, tuf, in *caught*, 6      3      c a t. in *weave*, 5      3      w e v. altogether 22      12

—*Andrew McNally*, of the printing hous of Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago, says: "I hav workt in all branches of printing and no the worry, vexation, cost and delay caused by silent letrs and bad speling. Any system that leavs out all silent letrs must be of imens, almost mesurles, value to printers and book-makers; a vast relief to the peopl by reducing the cost of education; and a blessing to children by making aquisition of the elementary branches easy, rapid and agreeabl."