

PHONETIC PIONEER.

ever kept foremost in your mind a deep sense of right and wrong; you have in all your dealings with your fellow men held strictly to justice and honor, satisfying all of your virtuous integrity, and those who have dealt with you have felt strong satisfaction; every transaction has been done on the principles of honor, and no one has cause to repent his dealings with you.

But perhaps there has been at least one object you have not thought of; "remember the poor," says the inspired writer, and this precept holds good in every phase of life. In the present day the doors of the school houses are thrown open wide for the admission of all, rich or poor; but the poor have but little time to attend school, consequently they learn but little and many grow up in ignorance, some without even so much as learning to read, (and what a deplorable state for a man, immortal man, unable to read the word of life!) This state of things is the more lamentable when we reflect that we have the remedy at hand and nothing remains but to apply it.— Shall it be applied? but what is the remedy?— We could give answer in a word, it is the Phonetic representation of written Language; by the aid of this, from one to two years are saved in teaching a child to read, and when thus taught they have a correct knowledge of the pronunciation of words and may then go on and educate themselves.

Phonotypy is of use to all, acting as it were, like a pronunciation vocabulary, giving the true pronunciation of words at once, without the tedious necessity of turning over the pages of a dictionary. Were phonotypy in general use, few would grow up in ignorance, and fewer still would there be who cared not to read because of the difficulty of pronouncing "hard" words; learning to read would be spontaneous, and time now devoted to the spelling-book would be occupied by the pursuit of more useful objects.— Who then will aid in spreading a knowledge of this great labor-saving art through the world?

Phonography.

At the present day, arts that economize time are of the first importance; and especially to be esteemed are those that do so in connection with intellectual pursuits. Of this nature is the art of phonography, or short-hand writing. This study has always possessed strong attractions for the youthful student; and the comparatively few persons whose perseverance has given them facility in its use have ever been loudest in praise of its advantages. It is emphatically an art of which may be said, that the more you know it, the better you will like it.

Its fascinations are less felt at the outset than on a more thorough acquaintance; its difficulties are chiefly rudimental, giving way before industry with a more encouraging rapidity. The benefits of short-hand writing are by no means limited to the professional reporter; all classes of the community, literary, commercial, or mechanical, may share in the many advantages of this economizer of time and labor, this sharpener of the facilities, this handmaid of taste and ingenuity. To none is this art of more consequence than to the working man, enabling him as it does, to jot his fleeting thoughts and treasures up knowledge for further reference, on scraps of paper and in scraps of time.—*Literary Locomotive.*

Kalifornia haz past a lo tu mak de sjentifik development of de human bodi a fetur in her sistem ov edukafon. Ol her komon skolz qz tu hav tegez and aparatus for trainin and develop de maslz. Dis iz a komendabl movement avig everi stat and kuntri suad imediatti imitat.

THE PHONOTYPIC ALPHABET.

VOWELS.

E e	A a	A a	O o	O o	O o
ee,	aa,	arm,	all	oo,	oozo,
	A a	A a		E e	
	air,	ask,		ca rih;	
I i	E e	A a	O o	U u	W w
it,	ell,	am,	on	up	foot;

DIPHTHONGS.

I i	O o	S s	U u
by,	boy.	how,	new;

CONSONANTS.

P p,	B b,	T t,	D d,	C c,	K k,	G g,
pip,	bid,	fat,	did,	church,	judge,	gas,
F f,	V v,	L l,	A a,	S s,	Z z,	X x,
life,	vica,	lath,	lath,	cease,	seize,	sic, azure;
L l,	R r,	M m,	N n,	J j,	Y y,	W w,
ull,	raro,	main,	nun,	sing,	you,	way, hay.

MORTALITI OV KOLEJ GRADYUETS.—Profesor Pers, ov Harvard Kolej, haz bin resentli kanvasij de fakts ov akumulated in de triennial katalogz ov dat institufon, konservirij de durafon ov lif ov its graduates, and de rezults ov his reserq ar valjabl. He fjnds dat de probabl durafon ov lif after graduatij, taking twenti-wun az de averaj ov de graduates, iz over forti-to yerz; or to and a haf yerz mor dan de probabl durafon ov lif in uder persons at de sam uj. A kolej edukafon iz, den favorabl tu log lif. Amuder rezult iz, dat de students ha distinjiviz deuzelvez az skolarz hav livd longer on an averaj dan doz hoz standij woz lo. Habits ov dilijent studi wud sem den tu favor helt and lif. A kontrari impreson haz prevald on bod dez ponts.

WIMEN AND WOCWURK.—In a lektur on dis subjekt, resentli deliverd bi Mr. Benet to de wocmakerz ov Klgrkenwel, he remarkt dat in Switzerland no les dan twenti-tszand wimen derij an onorabl and far livlihud from wocmakij. And hwot iz de konsekvens tu de Swis deuzelvez—dat de mal part ov de populasjon engaged in de trad ov darbi disu st ov employment. Bi no menz; but on de kontrari, dat wogez qz so delikatli, so korektili, and yet so eplli mad in Switzerland, dat wun milyon fiv hundred tszand qz yerli produkt dar, besidz movments for Amerikan market: hwil in Ingland onli wun hundred and ati-siks tszand qz turnd st! Wun konsekvens ov dis stat ov tipz haz bin, dat at a tm hwen de Amerikan market woz klozl, bod tu sr on wocmakerz and de Swis, sr on market woz delujd wid wogez mad in Switzerland! Mr. Benet tipks, hwover, dat wer sr wocmakij operativ tu se de ad antaj ov emploij wimen at a gerlz, de trad mit stil be prezervd for dis kuntri.—*Famili Herald.*

De hjest waterfol in de wurd iz in de Sandwig Mandz, and iz stated tu be betwzn for and fiv tszand fet hj. De strem on hwig it okurz, runz amup de jeks ov de hjest msn-tenz, and so lofti iz de presipis over hwig it folz, dat de wotur aktuali never regez de botom—so grat iz de distans, dat de wotur iz konverted into mists, tu form wuus mor a part ov de kludz.

Testimony of the Canadian Press.

Under this heading, we shall, from time to time, chronicle the opinions of the Editors of the different newspapers which, by the diffusion of intelligence throughout the land, do so much for the advancement of every good and noble cause.

The Spelling Reform.

The strange and anomalous character of the spelling of the English language is well known, and is a matter of standing complaint. The French and Spanish Academies have reduced the orthography of their respective languages to methodical rules from which no deviations occur. With German and Italian spelling no great difficulty exists, for vowels and consonants are not required to perform a plural duty and represent several sounds, as in English; but each letter or combination of letters has a certain definite signification, which is always adhered to. But with English, how different is the order of things! A thousand illustrations of its incongruity might be adduced if it were necessary, but the need of a reform in this matter is at once granted.— Among the individuals who have attempted such a reform, Mr. Isaac Pitman, of Bath, England, occupies the first rank. In conjunction with his brother and another gentleman, he has matured a system for representation for the English language at once beautiful and perfect. It is found that there are forty distinct sounds in English pronunciation, and Mr. Pitman employs forty characters in his alphabet, each with its undeviating sound. This system, as applied to printing, is known as Phonotypy, or the Phonetic system, and as applied to writing, it is known as Phonography. The utility of Phonography, as a system of short-hand, is unquestionable, and a knowledge of the method is incumbent upon every one who aspires to be well educated. To those who wish to prosecute the interesting study of Phonetics, the following publication will, we think, be worthy of their notice:

THE CANADIAN PHONETIC PIONEER, A Monthly Journal, devoted to the spread of the Writing, Printing, and Spelling Reform. Wm. H. Orr, Oswawa, C. W. Twenty-five cents per annum.

This is a worthy serial, published in Canada devoted to Phonetic matters, as will be seen from its title, the first number of which was issued in June last. The October number, which contains illustrations of Phonetic Printing, is now before us, and judging from the numbers issued, we may safely recommend the journal as a valuable auxiliary to the student of Phonography, and as an entertaining magazine for the general reader. Mr. Orr brings to bear an amount of energy and enthusiasm, worthy of all praise, while the very low price