

CORRESPONDENCE.

SIR,—I send more than enuf to pay ar w-ages. Ther is nothing meaner or more inexcusable than not to pay for one's paper promptly. I wud gladly pay dubl to hav dubl the size, as it is now the best advocat of amended sp. publiisht so far as I no. I frequently difer from its teachings: stl it is invaluable. I favor a complete fonetic alfabet—haf-way mesures always prove failures. I am greatly pleased with yur "notes on pronunciation." What is the diference between Fonology, Fonetics, and Fonics? [None.] What is mesured or liturgic "pronuncia'n"? I take great interest in Mr Jones' articles, but dont endors his spelling at all. We must hav a good ful alfabet for our language without regard to other languages—I dont believ in internationalism. Pitman, Graham, Comstock and others started right: the sooner we go bak to a complete alfabet the sooner we wil succed. I favor deliberat pronuncia'n—no "letr," "ritn," "hevn," but 'leter' 'riten' "heven." We make a great mistake in dropping vowels however obscure when pronounced quikly. Yur giving evry one a chance to expres his ideas is good. Yu ar doing noble work. I wish yu succes. Oberlin, Ohio. JOEL MYERS.

THE FIVE RULES.

SIR,—I quite agree with yu in thinking Pitman's first stage far too radical, or els not enuf. Among ourselvs we may go much farther; with ou siders we must be very careful, making few changes. The [original] five rules, sensibly aplied, seem an exelent platform. Let all sp. reformers use them, and the smash of old spelling wil soon come. I shal always be glad to put in a good word for yur paper, which I greatly appreciate, chiefly becaus, like the *Teacher*, it lets evry one say its say. *Dall urto delle opinioni nasce il lume.** Paris, France. P. PASSY.

HAMER AWAY!

*From the clash of opinions springs light. We hav red somewhere "Truth's spark flies from the clash of opinions." Bullion says: "Diference of opinion, on varius subjects, leads to discusion—discusion to investigation—and investigation to discovery and establishment of truth. As a consequence, what was sound and stable before has been confirmd—many points that wer doubtful hav been settld—new and improv-ed methods of investigating subjects, and of imparting instruction, hav been adopt-ed—and the hole subject of education, in both theory and practice, has been much advanced." (Preface to Eng. Grammar.)

These pages hav a misionary object. Yur influence to extend circubl is solicited

STANDARD VOWELS.—We hav referd to necessity of having standard speech sounds, especially vowels, beter defined. Without progres is uncertn. The same want, f like reasons, is felt in other fields, as:—

"The [Brit. Med Assoc's] Collectiv Investiga'n Committee wud do esential service to medicin by promoting investigation of Temperaments first by supplying the profession with precise descriptions of diferent temperaments, want of which renders uncertn of meaning whatever is said or rith concerning them, and afterward by collect-ing results of their application to practice."—Dr STEWART in chap. iv. of *Our Temperaments*.

SPELLING IN "SHAKSPEARE."—Mr. J. D. Barnett rites from Stratford, Ont., that the spelling found in the quarto edition of Shakspeare publiisht in 1623 cannot be considered his. If editions of his plays publiisht before 1616, or during his life, be taken, Mr B. cud specify as much as four or even five sets of spellings. Even these ar not *his*, nor Bacon's either, for, according to Mr A. J. Ellis "These ar not *his* spellings; he edited no play, and the *Tempest* was not even publiisht in his lifetime. They ar printer's spellings, probably more regular than his."

EXHIBITION OF ALFABETS.—An interesting litt exhibition shortly to be opnd in King's Library in British Museum. wil (says London correspondent of *Glasgow Herald*) deal with all alfabets, past and present. It wil comence with erliest ritings in existence, and wil come down to our A B C. Max Muller said recently that all existing alfabetts cud be traced from Egyptian hieroglifs. The new exhibition wil aford opportunity of testing this, becaus they wil be aranged as far as posibl cronology.

Cox.—A riter in the *Forum* for Dec. says "The 'Cyclopedia of Amer. Biograpy' tells us that a son of stout old Presbyterian Dr Cox, who is now an Episcopalian bishop, has adopted the spelling 'Coxe.'" The good bishop is retrograde in other words than his own name: in words ending in *or* as *honor*, he insists on puting—*our*. *Honour* being hybrid between French *honneur*, with dubl *n*, and Latin *honor*, this spelling, *honour*, does not do credit to the bishop's scholarship, however it may suit his taste, about which, we suppose, ther is no disputing. Of a piece with this, he prefers the King James' Version (1611), with its many mistranslations and other behind-the-age expressions, to the Revised Version. As he is retrograde in some things, we wonder if he correspondingly travels by stage-coach, canal-boat, and pak-hors. Also we ar curius to no whether he prefers "dipt candls and sermons two ours long."

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