

not need it one-twentieth as much as do ours. We ar asleep: they ar up and doing, their publishers redy to issue new scoolbooks so that the next generation shall be in the van, while we hug the chains that retard and hold us captiv.

—"The New Snobishnes" is an articl of two pages by Ogier Rysden in the Westminster Review for September—a reply to "Pronuncia'n and Midl-Clasdom" in the March number, referd to on our p. 77. Lady Grote givs a feebl rejoinder in the October number.

—The basis of Orthograpy (Pronunciation, Analogy, Derivation), postulated by plank 7 of our Platform, receivs noteworthy confirmation by Murray's N. E. Dict'y which (under ax) says: "The spelng ax is beter on evry ground, of etymology, fonology, and analogy, than axe, which has of late become prevalent." As varios forms of the word ar givn as speld in difrent centuries, we infer that historic orthoepy is ment by fonology. Consistency implies Analogy. Any system of spelng to be consistent in its parts has these parts correspond by Analogy, which if absent wud giv capricios, whimsical and inconsistent wordforms—all of which, tho a truism to most, needs to be rubd in to others.

—fəŋ<sup>gus</sup> (not fəŋ<sup>gēs</sup>) for *fungus* is how it is herd by Mr E. B. Thornton, of Addison, N. Y., in Steuben co., near the Pennsylvania border. Faint u and e in weak sylabls deserv study.

—A Harmony of the Gospels, ritn in an alfabet of about forty letters, is in preparation by Dr T. B. Welch, Philadelphia, for publication.

—Officers for 1902 of the Chicago Spelling Reform Asoc'n ar Pres't Dr Samuel Willard, Vice-pres'ts E. O. Vaile, H. R. Boss, J. M. Mott, Recording Sec'y-Tres. G. D. Broomell, Corresponding Sec'y O. C. Blackmer, Oak Park, Ill. With these "most potent, grave and reverend seniors" as officers we expect action deliberat and wise, so that the cronicl wil hav no tale to tel of the rash and ill-judged work by yung neofytes in their mis-directed, over-zelos haste.

—The English Dialect Dictionary, 4700 pages in six vol's, edited by Prof. J. Wright, wil be finisht in 1905. Four volumes ar redy.

—"Dhi Niu Ira Primur" is under way by Mr Blackmer. He objects that the word-method of teaching reading prevails in his part of the world. The fonic method prevails in Ontario, thanks to Mr Hughes, inspector of public scools in Toronto. A method beter than either is desired. Mr B's "Niu Ira Primur" wil offer to suply the want, and leav the pupil with a regular New Spelling, alredy lernd, so simpl that he wil naturally argue for its adoption, and hasten its advent.

—Mr H. Drummond's "Contributions to the Jurnal ov Orthoepy and Orthograpy for 1901" ar reprinted in a neat pamflet of 31 pages 16mo, and has efectiv papers on and in reformd spelng. They serv as amunition, and shud be used so, especially by Britishers. Mr D. wil furnish a copy in anser to requests adrest him at Laburnum Hous, Hetton-le-Hole, Durham co., Eng.

—The natural or "Direct Method" of aquirng languages spreads rapidly all over Europ and consists of (1) an ORAL part, aquisition of colloquial comand of a givn language, with corect pronunciation from the very begining by a fonic system (IFA's); gramar aquired inductively with the main difrence that it folos (insted of precedes) the oral part. (2) A LITERARY part, or composition, reading, literature.

—*Past* and *passed* ar a source of trubl to some spellers. A querist was anserd (Pitman's Jurnal, 8 Feb.) that p-a-s-s-e-d is a verb, p-a-s-t is an adjectiv, adverb, or noun. This wud require

that our spelng be ever "sicklid o'er with the pale caste of thought" (Hamlet) insted of "coming by nature" as Dogberry tho:t it shud. Don't stop to think and rinkl yur brow but put p-a-s-t evry time as did Tennyson revisiting Cambridge when he rote (In Memoriam, lxxxvii):

"I past beside the reverend walls  
In which of old I wore the gown ;"

—*Elements of Experimental Fonetics* is a book (to cost \$5) in preparation by Prof. E. W. Scripture (Yale), who in 1901 publisht (price, \$1) some of his work in machine fonetics as *Studies from the Yale Psychological Laboratory*, vol. vii, 1899. In it, his main conclusions relate to the structure of English as compared with Greek or Latin vers in which vext questions of quantity ar involvd. A sylabl's strength (s) depends on or is a complex function (f) of three elements: its length or duration (d), its intensity (i), and its pitch (p). The essential change in clasic Greek vers is pitch (p) only perhaps, said to be so now in typical Japanese vers. Latin vers is essentially a time-vers, the chief distinction among sylabls being length (d) in addition, of cours, to change in speech-sounds. In our vers, then, we hav a varying combination exprest mathematically by  $s = f(d, i, p)$ .

—"I am in no way responsibl for Americanisms in spelng." So rites Dr Tho's Oliver, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, translater of Bouchard's *Lectures on Auto-Intoxication in Disease*, in p. xii of preface, publisht by F. A. Davis, Philadelphia. His disclaimer forms our text. We regret to find Englishmen ever chusing the worse insted of the beter. As if by instinct, they do so much of that in spelng and a thousand other things that, when it comes to competition or race, lo! they lose the start, and so ar apt to lose the race. When one sees them handicapt and clogd, he is redy to exclaim "Surely an enemy hath done this!" Inquiry reveals that their clogs ar due to their own stubborn folly. Much has hapnd within four years. Dr O. need not hav been so anxios to put himself right (rong, rather) in this. Let him adopt, not disclaim, real advances that comerd themselvs by merit. Let him imitate or adopt the attitude, liberality and spirit of his townsman who givs "A Handsome Donation" to aid the car of progres, not to mention others litl farther afield who work consistently and stedily to help remove this international (or especially British) stumbling-blok and disgrace to erth's noblest language and literature.

—Reminiscences by our veteran frend appear as a pamflet of nine pages, a d-print from Jurnal ov Orthoepy and Orthograpy, entitled a *History ov Spelling Reform* as connected with E. Jones, 1 Dalton road, Liscard, Liverpool, Eng. Amid much els, "Prof. March acted not quite fairly in forsing his oan very crude skeem on the Conferens [ov 1876] and on the Asosiashon without discusson."

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