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THE EDUCATIONAL REVIEW is a new monthly with its first issue just to hand. It is well printed on excellent paper, and published in St. John, N. B., at \$1 a year. It is the school journal for the three Atlantic Provinces of Canada. A. H. McKay, of Pictou, is editor for Nova Scotia, Principal Anderson for P. E. Island; and G. U. Hay, for N. Brunswick. It spells *honor*, etc., without the *u*, altho it has too many letters in *program(me)*. For all that, it appears to be perfectly sound in the true faith, as witness this:

"Provincial examiners must note that Nova Scotia is moving in direction of reform in spelling. The Council of Public Instruction prescribes "Gage's Physics" which shortens such old forms as "height" to "hight"—one step in direction of universally long-for orthographic millennium."

It always did excite our wonder why they insist on putting *e* in *height* when there is no *e* in its cognate *high*. The spirit of the above quotation is on a far higher level, orthographically, than any of our Ontario educational periodicals. We wish it a long and flourishing career. No maritime teacher should be without it.

—Let Θ stand for 'o' in German 'sold', 'h Θ lz' etc., which are pronounced *zolt*, *h Θ lts*, etc. Let Θ stand for the vowel in our *or*, h Θ il old letter *Oo* is as good, AS IT SHOULD BE, to its name sound, that cosmopolitan vowel associated with it in every tongue. Arranged in order of natural pitch, they are descending Θ , Θ , Θ ; their order of openness is the same. Θ may be likened to map of a hemisphere with arctic surcl, and Θ to the same with tropic of Cancer. In every international speech-noteshun

nothing can be more necessary or important than this and kindred subjects.

—Which is best: \mathcal{E} , \mathcal{E} , or \mathcal{E} ? Having agreed on a certain general platform, consideration of modifiers or improvements in shape of Roman forms will be in order. 'Modifier' is a better term than 'ny form'.

—The Chicago (Chicago?) advances can be readily understood by reference to pages 52 and 59. That \$50,000 Bill seems not to have been passed but we are awaiting action on 4 March when term of Congress expires and every bill not throughly decided. The U. S. Phonetic Company seeks a like object but volentarily subscribes.

—The Paris 'Teacher' considers 'ə' (obscure) as vowel in 'the' when next word begins with a consonant, h Θ il 'i' is chosen if a vowel is next. 'New' is now given as 'nyu', instead of 'niu', as formerly. We dislike 'yusful' for 'yusful': altho colloquial orthoepi may allow it, distinct speech and especially ORTHOGRAPHY demand 'yusful' as showing its composition: yus and ful.