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EXAMINATION PAPER.

(To be answered from previous issues.)

1. Specify over 20 ways in which close i (as in eel) is represented in English.
2. Give derivation of *beauty*, *island*, *defence*, *governor*.
3. What six "shade vowels" are claimed to need discrimination?
4. In Romanized Japanese what two vowels are marked? How is it proposed to obviate this disfigurement of page? Who propose a system for us more outrageously marked than even Japanese?
5. What faulty pronunciation of *ox*, *not*, etc., is found in N. Y. and elsewhere?
6. Is s right or wrong in *Spenser* and *Chaucer* (poets), *practise* (verb), and *supersede*?
7. Define *dithong*.
8. Give some account of how Dutch orthography was reformed.

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—Knudsen says: "In books for school use, the accent should be indicated in every word. If this be done entirely by the accent mark it will give the printed page a rather confused appearance." To avoid this let it be understood that the accent is on the first syllable unless marked otherwise. Few accent marks will then be required because majority of our words have accent on first syllable. The genius of our language is to throw the accent forward. Thus, altho it is on second syllable of *compare*, yet it is on the first in the derived word *comparabl*, altho first syllable is a prefix.

TRIAL CORNER.

—For full explanation as to the steps of spelling found in large type, refer to page 95, bottom second column.

—In Toronto are no less than for *Heralds*, the *Gospel*, *Cristian*, *Temperans* and this. Tho' they neglect to give full address (125 Harbord St.) should not express surprise if their letters miscarry. A full set of *Herald* are yet obtainable.

—The many points of agreement among Spelling Reformers comprehend much, and show a substantial unanimity profetic of full concord and final triumph. Let friends of the reform take heart. Nonsense and reason and the spirit of the age are on their side: only apathy, ignorance and a little blind sentiment are opposed. Arouse that apathy, enlighten that ignorance, be patient with that sentiment, and the spirit of the age will assert itself, the slow-governed Public will become a supporter, and the cause will be won. Mention, we must keep on preaching: "PRÆTEREA CENSEO CARTHAGINEM ESSE DELENDAM." —Correspondent of N. Y. Independent.