

in which tho, thoro, and other words ar speld as Dr Andrews rote them—he points out the progres the movement has alreidy made, in spite of conservativs on one hand and fadists on the other, and shows weaknes of many arguments popularly uzed against it. Andrews says (page 134): "Remembering the via dolorosa of reforms in genral and the ruf riding which this reform in particular has had to encounter, one must pronounce its victories in recent years fairly satisfactory."

—Dropping ue from *demagog* and like words comends itself to some printers. Mr Boss rites from Chicago that three ofices in which he reads proof now direct omision of this ue. Mr B. thinks the time more favorabl for propagandism than at any time within twenty years.

—The American Dialect Soc'y publisht nothing for three years til last sumer when "College Words and Phrases" by E. H. Babbit, 70 pp. 8vo, apeard. The English Dialect Society puts forth yearly two parts of its new Dialect Dict'y.

—A *New Dictionary of Americanisms* is not only projected but collection and arrangement of material is about finisht. Publication next sumer is expected as a volume of 700 pages with complete analytical apendix and all principal words clast anew. Ther is an abundance of real Americanisms, that is, new words coind in Canada and the United States. Words obsolete (like Chaucer's 'ges) in Britan, or found only in remote corners, stil liv here in ful blast. Again new words hav come from the aborigines, Dutch, French, Spanish and other settlers. Ther is need and ther shud be room for such a work more ful and recent than those of Bartlet, Farmer or De Vere, especialy as dialect words and uzages existing in America and not in England, whether survivals of old uzages or of American origin, ar not apearing in the Eng. Dialect Diction'y at all. The price is \$5 but immediat subscribers ar to hav it postpaid for \$4 c. o. d. Specimen pages ar furnisht by its editor, Sylva Clapin, 21 Charlotte st., Worcester, Massachusetts.

LITERATURE.

A PAPER ON ENGLISH SPELLING red before the Chicago Society of Proofreaders by George D. Broomell. 27 pages 12mo. Ben Franklin Company, 232 Irving av., Chicago, Ill. Price, 10 cents, \$5 a hundred.

A FONETIC PRIMER by T. B. Welch, M.D., 5919 Woodbine av., Philadelphia, Pa. 42 pages 16mo. 15 cents.

Broomell's paper is a wel printed, lucid and ful exposition of the irregularities and absurdities of comon speling. It and Dr Andrews articl in the *Junior Munsey* ar both forceful and logical statements of our case, the best that hav apeard of late. The question now is how to circulate such so that they shal do their work. We hav secured over thirty copies, some of which ar placed in reading-rooms, others markt "Read! pas it on! recording yur name" on the cover, for which ther is room, shud secure a wide circl of readers. It is a call to the unconverted, who ar yet many.—A tool for yu, reader, to *work* with and sho that yu ar not of those who but shout for others to do something.

Welch's *Primer* is a combined primer and introduction to his system of which a specimen was givn on p. 59. Its pages ar

wel printed and sho words of three sylls. An u of horsshoe shape is uzed for the vowel in *put* with u for that in *but*—a fundamental eror which Candy did not comit in uzing horsshoe u. Markt w is uzed for voiceles w (our m) as in *when*, its author apearing (for no explanation is givn) to hold that m be chosen (it's mater of choice) insted of h+w. We ar at a los to no how its author gets a in *genitive* or i in *obstacle*, while "clöz" for *clothes* favors slurd colloquial. In 1847 Dr Comstock in this same Philadelfia bro't out a *New Testament* in fonetic dres. Dr Welch may go on to do as much, but *cui bono* unles joining co-laborers he helps them to develop fundamental principls on which to bild? We hav had quite enuf of "hatching one scheme after another" during haf of last century and "must try something els."

CORRESPONDENCE.

POETIC RHYTHM HELPT BY SPELLING.

SIR: I agree with what yu say on p. 63 that speling shud help meter. In poetry let us not surrender to soulles printers.—Preserv something of its esence. Pope's rendering of Homer stil leads the field—largely thru this. Exampl (*Iliad*, b'k i):
Black choler fill'd his breast that boil'd with ire;
And from his eye-balls flash'd the living fire.
Augur accurs'd! 131

The forms fill'd, boil'd, flash'd, accurs'd, ar a haf-way hous to fild, boild, flasht, acurst. Preserv the few remnants of an age when sound and word wer joint.

London, Ont.

J. GRANT.

[Andrews (*Junior Munsey*, Oct.) says: "The study of great poets helps this movement, for, from Homer down, great poets hav with much boldnes [the litl felos dare not, afraid of losing cast] trimd the dres of wrods to suit sound and sens."—Page 134.]

SIR ISAAC PITMAN.

[The last of twenty stanzas on his deth.]

Then did he fail? Shal eror stil abound,
And chek the progres of our youthful race?
Forever shal false speling hold its ground,
And blot our noble language with disgrace?

The faithles may so dream, but not the wise,
For truth is great, and shal at last prevail;
Old forms shal vanish, purer laws arise,
And future bards recount the welcome tale.

But who wil lead the van and face the fo?
Who wears the mantle of the mighty-ded?
Achilles where, to strike the fatal blo
At consecrated Custom's hydra-hed?

What chief of state wil plead the children's caus,
And lift in part the burden of their toil?
What lerned Body point to saner laws,
And free our comou reason from recoil?

This stumbling-blok removed, fresh force wil gain
The stream of Nolegde, wider stretch its shore;
Sublimier hights the native mind atain,
And shameful Ignorance be seen no more.

Bilston, Eng.

DAVID BAILEY.