

imparting a mastery over the present complicated vehicle of knowledge, to be applied to imparting that knowledge itself.

7. It would necessarily facilitate the received English pronunciation, both by *natives* and foreigners.

8. And it would hence tend to render universal the use of the English language, already spoken by more millions than any other on the face of the globe.

The Association is divided into three sections—the Educational, Philological and the Progressive—the object of each being, respectively, the introduction of phonetic spelling into schools, as an expeditious means of teaching children to read the present spelling; the introduction of phonetic spelling for philological, literary and general purposes; and the accomplishment of progressive reforms in the present spelling.

In order that those interested may form some idea of the *personnel* of this Association, we give the names of a few of its members, who have a more than national fame. The President is John Hall Gladstone, F.R.S. Among the Vice-Presidents are the following: Prof. Alexander Bain, of Aberdeen; Sir John Lubbock; W. W. Hunter, C.S.I., LL.D., Member of Council in India; Rev. J. P. Mahaffy, Professor in Dublin University; Isaac Pitman; Profs. Sayce of Oxford and Skeat of Cambridge; the Right Rev. Bishop of Exeter and Rev. Joseph Angus, Alfred Tennyson and Henry Sweet, M.A., and Rev. R. Morris, LL.D., Past Presidents of the Philological Society. Among the other members are found: Profs. Lounsbury, March and Child, of Yale, Lafayette and Harvard respectively; Meiklejohn, of St. Andrews; Everett, of Belfast; Whitney, Monier Williams and A. J. Ellis; and among the deceased members, Charles Darwin. Many more names might be added, but these will be sufficient.

So much interest has already been awakened in England, that one hundred and thirty School Boards, including those of Liverpool, London, Birmingham and Bradford, have sent memorials to the Education Department, praying for the appointment of a Royal Commission to report upon the advisability of spelling reform. A similar memorial has been sent to the