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DEVOTED TO PRONUNCIATION AND AMENDED SPELING.

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HIAWATHA.

INTRODACION.

Yi hu lāv ðe hants ov Netyur,
Lāv ðe sanshain and ðe medo,
Lāv ðe shado ov ðe forest,
Lāv ðe wind amang ðe branchez,
And ðe ren-shau'r and ðe sno-storm,
And ðe rashing ov gret riverz
Thru ðer palisèdz ov pain-triz,
And ðe thander in ðe mauntenz,
Hūz innumerabl ecoz
Flap laik iglz in ðer ariz,—
Lisn tu ðiz waild tradisionz,
Tu ðis Song ov Hiawatha.

Yi hu lāv a nesion'z lejendz,
Lāv ðe baladz ov a pipl,
Dat laik voicez from afar of
Col tu as tu po:z and lisn,
Spik in tōnz so plēn and chaildlaik,
Scærslī can ði ir distingwisch
Hweðer ðe ar sang or spōkn;—
Lisn tu ði Indian Lejend,
Tu ðis Song ov Hiawatha.

Yi hūz harts ar fresh and simpl,
Hu hav feth in God and Netyur,
Hu beliv, ðat in ol ejez
Evri hiuman hart iz hiuman,
Dat in ivn savaj buzomz
ðer ar longingz, yerningz, straivingz,
For ðe gud ðe comprehend not,
Dat ðe fībl handz and helples
Grōping blaindli in ðe darknes,
Tach God'z rait hand in ðat darknes,
And ar lifted ap and strengthend;—
Lisn tu ðis simpl stōri,
Tu ðis Song ov Hiawatha!

Yi, hu sāmtaimz, in yur ramblz
Thru ðe grīn lenz ov ðe cantri,
Hwær ðe tangld barberi bushez
Hang ðer tafts ov crimzon beriz
Over stōn wolz grē wið mosez,
Po:z bai sām neglected grēvyard,
For a hwail tu miuz and ponder
On a haf-efest inscripsion,
Ritn wið litl skil ov song-craft,
Hōmli frēzez, bat ich leter
Ful ov hōp and yet ov hart-brēk,
Ful ov ol ðe tender pathos,
Ov ðe Hir and ðe Hirafter;—
Stē and rid ðis rūl inscriptions!
Rid ðis Song ov Hiawatha!

— H. W. Longfellow.

EVOLUSION OV DIFERENSIALZ.

Jast az introdacion ov ten simbolz (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 0) haz med calkiulusion in arithmetic and haier mathematics possibl (imposibl in Rōman notusion) and in ðat wē haz advanst nolej in meni fildz (for ezcAMPL, astronomi and navigusion); so, development ov aur alfabet, bai adision ov simbolz safisientli diferensiated from leterz olredi in it, wil giv aur langwaj a rectifaid spelng mōr regyular ðan ði admirabl wānz nau in yūs in Jerman, Italian and Spanish, and ðas render it so izi tu acwair ðat it wud spred rapidli, becam a werld-langwaj, and help tu ecstend nol-ej and advans sivilization thruaut ði erth.

Obzervesion, comparison and traial go tu sho ðat ðe vaelz in *they see us* ar an irrediusibl minimam niding separat alfabetic reprezentasjon if aur langwaj iz tu hav an orthografi aprocsimati regyular wið its alfabetc simbolz emploid in a scientifc and cosmopolitan method. In derivation, ðe vael in *us* iz mēnli from ði u-saundz. Acordingli, a simbol (u) got from u haz faund favor. Foneticali, hauver, ðis vael apirz alaid tu ðe a-famili, and so mē hav an a-simbol (e) or els wan (ā) diferensiated from A—ðe later bring yüzd hirin. Ðe vael in *they* shud hav an e-simbol, az e; perhaps beter, wan (e) diferensiated from its mēt (e) in thrí wez: (1) its ap-strōk haz ðe carv ov e; (2) its strēt daun-strōk iz a perpendikyular macron; (3) it endz in a stop. Ðe vael in *see* shud hav an i-simbol; for it, dotles i (i) iz emploid. Bōth i and ð ar (not invented, bāt) restōrd simbolz. For ð, dh mē bi yüzd olternetivli.

In ðe past, thrí diferensialz hav obtend alfabetc admision: w and u (from v), j (from i). Thrí mōr shud hav admision—an irrediusibl minimam mensiond abav.

KEY: ð e i a ð ū au ai oi iu
az in they see us old moon now my boy Hugh

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NEW SPELING

PLATFORM.

1. An alfabet intended for use by a vast community need not attempt an exhaustiv analysis of elements of utterance, and a representation of the nicest varietis of articulation; it may wel leav room for the unavoidable play of individual and local pronunciation.—*S. R. A. Buletin*.

2. No language has ever had, or is likely to hav, a perfect alfabet; and in changing and amending the mode of ritng a language alredy long ritn, regard must necessarily be had to what is practicaly possibl quite as much as to what is inherently desirabl.—*S. R. A. Buletin*.

3. The Roman alfabet is so widely and firmly establisht in use among leading ci iized nations that it can not be displaced; in adapting it to improved use for English, eforts of scolars shud be directed towards its use with uniformity, and in conformity with other nations.—*Ibid.*

4. Preserv, while useful in transition, the traces of order and system alredy existing.—*New York Home Journal*.

5. Keep in view the co-operation of reforms in pronunciation when desirabl to restore breaks and complete the regularity and symmetry of the language.—*Ibid.*

6. Keep in view the adoption of a common standard of values among all nations uzing the Roman alfabet.—*Ibid.*

7. The right spelng of a word may be said to be that which agrees best with its pronunciation, its etymology, and with the analogy of the particular clas of words to which it belongs.—*Philologic Museum*, vol. i, 647. [The three together, namely, pronunciation, analogy, derivation, (PAD), ar the tripod on which Orthografy rests. Pronunciation is the most important in determining word-forms. Where P. is uncertn, varying, or conflicting, A. or D., or both, wil decide uzualy—especialy requisit in a language, like ours, ful of weak vowels.]

8. The fonetic party defeat their own object by demanding too much. Their treatment of English is so ruf that they hav found no genral favor. It wud be suficient to change words in which corect pronunciation is manifestly difrent from spelng, but they wud go farther than this and change evry word.—*H. B. Wherly in Transactions of Philologic Society, 1867.*

9. Orthografy and orthoepy, tho about co-extensiv, do not quite coincide, Dr J. A. H. Murray (as president of the Philologic Society, in *Annual Adress, 1880*) said:

"Speling wil always lag a certn way behind actual speech especiaiy the careles, lawles speech of familiar conversation. In my opinion, therefore, it is util to aim at representing this in practical spelng; let us aim at providing a means of spelng what men MEAN to say, AIM at saying, and in measured or formal speech or song DU say, not

at the shortcomings which, tho inseparabl from speech, ar none the less unintentional, and to be discuraged. Evry system of ritng, except one on a purely physiologic basis, like Bell's Visibil Speech, must be not merely conventional, but even to some exten inconsistently conventional; we shall do wel if we can arrive at the stage of ritng English in a way that shal practicaly represent the ideal of speech to which all educated Englishmen [and speakers of the language genraly] approximate, tho none may reach it and which is as far removed from the sl.ard or imperfect utterance of the average Londoner (which seems to be the cy-nosure that attracts some authors of proposed systems), as it is from the archaic or even semi-foren pronunciation of distant provinces. This bears I think on such matters as the representation of obscure and unaccented vowels ritng sounds which educated men aim at producing, not what men in a hury actuall succeed in p roducng! If the reader aim at the former, he may be trusted always to reach the latter; if he aim only at the latter, he wil soon fall short even of them, and want stil newer spelng for his stil more defectiv utterance."

10. Orthografy is conventional.

11. Orthografy reflects "formal speech" (Murray), "vocabulary speech" (Bell), liturgic or solem speech, not colloquial talk.

12. The distinct speech aimed at is cosmopolitan, free from local or dialect tinge.

13. Where varietis of pronunciation prevail, Orthografy shud be non-comittal.

14. Evry language has its own orthografy (or literary dres) and literature, which ar interwoven. A singl symbol may be approximatly universal; a set of word-forms, its spelng, is peculiar to each tung, and reflects its own speech customs. Universal orthografy is a dream, a delusion, and a snare. Dr A. J. Ellis (in *Encyclopedia Brit.*, vol. xxii, p. 390) says:—

"The modes of combining sounds in these three languages [French, German, Italian] and English ar so difrent that the alfabet has to be difrently conceivd for each. This is the final breakdown of universal ritng. An English, French, German, and Italian reader each requires an alfabet founded on his own linguistic habits, and very insufficiently comprehends any other."

15. The requirements of the printer, as wel as of literature, alike demand spelng fixt for almost all words.

16. Language restricts itself for expresing tho't to a very limited number of typical vowels and consonants. Of the large number of sounds catalogd from the varios English dialects, those only can be recognized as constituent elements of the language which in, and by, their difrence from each other convey a difrence of meaning. Of such pregnant and tho't-conveying vowels, English possesses no more than twelv.—*Max Mueller On Speling*.

17. Make only final changes, such as wil not hav to be set aside in subsequent revizions.—*Home Journal*.

18. Orthografy is the revers of presnt Speling, caraterized by Prof. Sayce as:

"A mere series of arbitrary combination, embodiment of wild geses, e ymologis of a pre-scientific age, haphazard caprice of ignorant printers."