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# DEVOTED TO PRONUNCIATION AND AMENDED SPELING.

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OPINIONS OF EMINENT MEN.

(Cont'd from pages 87, 101, 107, 111, 115, 123, 127.)

As a scolar, as a student of the history of language, I simply maintain that in evry rith language a reform of speling is, sooner or later, inevitabl.—MAX Müller.

I hav advocated speling reform for forty years, but real reform can never come by mere talk. Let persons of authority and position make the reform practical by actualy bringing it into use.—F. A. P. Barnard, LL. D.

# THE NATURE OF SPELING,

Riting is not language, but a more or les imperfect picture of language. A perfect system of riting wud hav to suply (1) a sign for each sound and one only, (2) an indication of its duration, or length, (3) an indication of the stres of voice that falls on a sylabl and the caracter of this stres, (4) an indication of the pitch and other modulations of the voice. Such an alfabet wud be very useful to a filologist; he wud be glad if all riting had been made in it. But riting is chiefly for practical purposes, and it is probably best that it contains no elements that the reader can more easily suply than interpret. Most alfabets aim only at the first and in part at the second requirement above.—Hempl in German Orthografy & Phonology, part i, §24.

[So Orthografy and Fonetics ar not coextensiv, as is well put. In the words of Plank 9 of our Platform, "Speling always lags a certn way behind actual speech."]

#### NEWS-NOTES AND COMENTS.

- --'That rich and flexibl voice from which Eton and Oxford hav not quite banisht fine rolling Dorie rishow a Toronto newspaper (Globe, 6 Sept., p. 6) spoke of the Archbishop of Canterbury's speech when he visited us.
- —This weak r (r in Herald notation) is believed to be that (mentioned on our p. 136) of Goldwin Smith, who, born in Re(a)ding, had an Eton-Oxford education. Such an r prevails elsewhere, however. Toronto foneticians shud study this good specimen.
- .—Toronto has been a very good field for study of the language's dialectic aspects. Of late this is better than ever becaus of increast immigration. From all over they flok to Canada.
  - -Beside r, listen for Northumbrian r

 $(\ensuremath{\mathtt{R}}),$  as also for r trild and untrild, voiceles and voiced. All ar herd here.

- —Shakspear is to be reprinted acording to the orthografy and arangement of the more authentic versions. "Loues Labors lost" is first to apear. Moring, of the De La More Pres, London, is publisher and Dr Furnival editer. In his 'Forewords' Dr F. uzes amended forms, as: prest, publisht, enterd, lockt, resolvd, englisht, showd, surrenderd, miscald, markt, developt, enuf, thru, licenst, allowd, maskt. The editer reminds readers that central u often stands for v, initial v for u, I sometimes represents ay, then than, whither where, whither whether, and initial i for j. Long s apears, ct is hooded, was is vvas on title-page.
- —Dr Furnival is to be commended for this adoption of modified spelings. Practis helps reformed speling more than mere arguments, as is well put by Dr Barnard in our first colum.
- —"The First Folio of Chaucer," to wit, the first collected edition by Thynne in 1532 is to be reproduced fotografically by the Clarendon Pres. Prof. Skeat suplies the introduction. The edition of 1532 ocupies, in scolars' esteem, a place parallel to the 1623 folio of Shakspear.
- —"The Setlment of Nova Scotia," rith by Hannay the historian anent the tercentenary celebration of the setlments at Annapolis and St Croix by De Monts, Champlain, Poutrincourt and Pontgrave (sevn pages ilustrated, Canadian Magazine, August) treats of the French regime and then stops at a point of intense interest to us thus: "The last great wave of colonization to reach Nova Scotia had its origin in the American Revolution. 30,000 royalists setId there and almost dubld the population. They wer the real founders of New Brunswick which til 1784 was a part of Nova Scotia."
- —The setIment of each state in the Union and evry province (now nine, soon twenty) in Canada shud be recorded from a linguistic viewpoint as part of the language's history upon this continent. Wer this done, Sweet's startling statement in 18% wud not be so tru. He said (Hist. Eng. Sounds, page ix) "American-English and Irish-English ar equaly important and at presut equaly inaccesib!." He ment that a rigid-ly precise and sientific study of Irish and American speech wer not on accesibl record. Since, it has been done in small part.
- -Kebee (Quebec) and Gachepé (Gaspé) apear on L'Escarbot's map reproduced in facsin.ile in the Can. Mag. for August, page 334.
- --Ontario was setld like Nova Scotia-From 17-3 refugee royalists, mainly from New Jersey and New York state, setld a fringe along the Yiagara frontier and the northern shores of lakes Ontario and Eric. From New Hampshir came a ban I to setl north of St Lawrence river. A few on lake Eric shore wer from Virginia. Governer Simcoe organized all as Upper Canada in 1792. About 1804 and later "Pennsylvania Dutch" (Germans really) setld inland in Waterloo and northern part of York counties. The war of 1812 to 1815 stopt all this. Floks of old-centry immi-

grants began to arive in 1824. By 1850 it was setld much as now, but towns wer smaller.

- —Hence Ontario has a basis of United-States speech in both orthoepy and vocabulary. Old-cuntry immigrants' dialects die with them. Their children's speech is conformed greatly, but not entirely, to the fused average about them. Ontario and Michigan ar much alike in speech.
- —Mr Burch's twentieth articl (Brit. & Col. Printer & Stationer, Sept. 1st) gave a cut of our co-worker, astronomer C.W.Knudsen (1818 to 1894) with an acount of his work and a facsimile of his New Speling from The Herald, vol., i. p. 117. Mention is made of Prof's Vietor and Meiklejohn, Mis Watson, Messrs Story and Fleay.
- —On Oct. 7th is found the twenty-first articl giving a ful acount of Dr Larison and three lady asistants, Misses Rudiboc, Fillips and Prall, with cuts of all four and of the Fonic Publishing-House at Ringoes, N. J., also an acount of their work and works with facsimiles. Brief mention is made of Witmer, Chase, George W. Moon.
- —Mr Thornton's calendar for the Oct-Nov.quarter has a clokface with no figures 4, 6, 7, 8 or 9. To sho the twelv ours, 0, 1, 2, 3, and V ar dubld and twisted to do duty for twelv numbers much as do a, e, i, o, u, to sho the twelv vowels. The moral is plain: enlarge the number of vowel symbols to something like an adequat number. Send to Addison, N. Y., for the calendar.
- —Mr E. L. Pontifex, Swansea, Wales, sends a donation of £2. It wil be uzed to send a misionary (Herald) to the unconverted. It is astonishing how many milions hav never herd of the gospel we proclaim. \$1 wil send postpaid 200 mesages to as many adresses which donors may specify or leav to our discretion. Reader, send \$1 and 200 names.
- —Distribution of literature is a problem not yet hapily solvd. We ar wiling to edit serial literature, but the cost of printing and the work of distribution shud be met by a thousand wiling workers. We assumed that at the start. Assumptions wer too sanguin. Who wil sho increast interest, energy and stedfast enthusiasm as Mr P?
  - --This asks yu to subscribe.
- —The International Fonetic Asoc'n has about 900 members, distributed thus in 1904:—Germany 190, British Iles 138, Denmark 115, France 101, Chile 56, United States 33, Austria-Hungary 29, Finland 29, Switzerland 21, Sweden 21, Canada 21 (of whom 19 ar in Ontario and 9 of these in Toronto), Holland 17, Norway 16, Belgium 11, Australia 8, Portugal 8, Russia (outside of Finland) 6, Italy 5, twelv hav 4 or les each. The figures for Denmark, Chile, Finland, surprise.
- —An International Fonetic Conference was the subject of a paper (Pedagogic Seminary, Dec., 1903) by Robert Stein of the U. S. Geologic Survey, Washington. Last aummer the faculty of Boston university put forth circulars about it. Prof. J. Geddes junior, 12 Somerset st., Boston, Mass., is secretary. Prof. Paul Passy, who is now discussing some revision of the Internal Asoci'n alfabet, favors the project in a strong circular letter, suggesting that when ther is a reasonabl prospect for requisit funds, the French government cud be got to take the initiativ.
- —The adoption of a Universal Alfabet is the aim of the Conference. At a conference in 1853, the identification of but seventeen sounds was agreed on, acording to Bell. They wer so self-sufficient as not to invite either Ellis or Pitman, the they met in London. Lepsius' alfabet and later Max Mueller's misionary alfabet apear to hav folod as a result of the conference. The efects on speling reform (in the interests of which it was not calld) wer negativ.

#### LITERATURE

REPORT OF A JOINT COMMITTEE representing the National Educa'l Asoc'n, Amer. Philologic Asoc'n and Mod. Lang. Aso'n of America on the Subject of a Fonetic English Alfabet.

This pamflet is the first report on a key alfabet for dictionaries. The chairman calls it a "preliminary report" and says "helpful criticism from all points of view is desired." Over 40 pages is the report Over 40 pages is the report proper, signd by all; tho "with difrences of opinion on varios points" (p. 45) ther is no minority report. Three plates and an apendix of 6 pp. more ar by Prof. Hempl on certn dictionary notations, fonetic micrometry, dialectic and foren sounds. The main report is disapointing becaus not cosmopolitan, nor even British-American, as it "takes as the basis of its proposal the fonetic alfabet recomended in 1877 by the Amer. Filologic Aso'n" (p. 3). We wisht to quote it as a Joint Report on all fours with the Joint Rules, but such implication wud be simply untru and misleading. In it ar (not judicial decisions covering advances from 1877 to 1904, but) an ex parte finding bolstering up a scheme hatcht 27 years ago. Speling Reform Asocia'ns wer activly at work on both sides of the Atlantic under filologic auspices and (outside the Joint Rules) gave birth in 1883 to alfabetic plans, one reflected in NED's Key to Pronunciation in 1884, the other in the Standard's in 1893. The two arin partial acord only. The fifteen years just past hav done more to advance linguistic sience than thrice fifteen years before that. Yet this 'basis' ties the committee's hand, gags its mouth, shuts its eyes, tho a squint is made to "the monumental Oxford Dictionary—a work of the highest posibl authority" (p. 10), then studiosly neglected therafter with its most excelent analytic notation. Much good work prevails, and dozens of moot points ar past on. neutral vowels hav a symbol provided, an 'a' with its tail removed, which shows it a member of the a-family. Careful specimens of differing speech ar givn. One is three forms of Keats' sonnet, reproduced in New Speling on our p. 142. We hav abundance of "helpful criticism" left.

STYLEBOOK OF THE CHICAGO SOCIETY OF PROOFREADERS. 3d edition, 60 pages 12mo, Ben Franklin Co., 232 Irvlng av., Chicago. 30 cents. In the multiplicity of details in such an art as typeseting ther must be questions on very many matters of detail. Without agreement on these uniformity cannot be ataind. Uniformity expedites labor in a busy hive of workers, a fact too often lost sight of by them who wud improve wordforms. Plank 15 insists on the absolute nesesity of this. As a guide the Stylebook is the best we no of. Its wordforms ar not

"reformd" but advanced American ones, generaly commendabl. Analogy seems to require voltometer for voltmeter (p. 19).

What is this? a new teaching! 12 pages 16 mo. O. C. Blackmer, Oak Park, Ill. Free In this is a call from Rev. Dr Chambers, misionary at Bardezag, Turkey (where is a mision scool of 200 boys), for a Pronouncing edition of Mark's gospel to teach nativs to read, rite and speak English. It is Blackmer's best work. Mark i, 1-29 is furnisht as specimen. Directions to teachers elucidate it. Thruout apear a, e, v.

Is the Soul a Substance? by C. W. Larison, M. D., formerly Prof. of Zoology. 196 pp. 8vo, cloth. Fonic Pub. Co, Ringos, N. J. 31 25.

Here is a book on heredity, atavism, origin of species, evolution, miscegenation, etc., in a New Speling with no les than ten differentials (as a, e, u, n, o, a...) and yet of remarkably easy legibility. We ar glad to note that the difthong in oil, boy, is now of as authorized by NED. A stil more decided advance wil be ful use of o in HERALD fasion insted of partial use.

## INTRODUCE DIFFERENTIALS.

Rational speling must employ as many vowel letters as the spoken language has distinct vowels. The Herald, recognizing this, urges new signs to complete the vowel scheme, most of them such as other reformers and foneticians uze. A variant of e (g) is uzed widely, but lawlesly by most. A few uze it exclusivly; some rite e after f, b, v, w, o, only, with which it joins better than e. I uze it in all riting for "short e," and recomend this to others.

Hillsboro, Kansas.

J. G. EWERT

[A main use of New (or ideal) Speling is to sho what to work tourd. This e is in Passy's alfabet for e in let, with 'e' for e in they. Mr Ewert (pronounce evert, not yū^rt) works toard that, and so has & in stronger sylable of spelling, letter Herald, recognize, fonetic, however, already, better, recomend help

#### OUR LETTER BOX.

P.E.H.: Yes, but maōri wil not do for Maori. It is maori, an almost perfect rime with dowry dauri (a as in far, its fundamental value; it is a widespred misuse to asign it to the sound æ. Scribes before the Norman Conquest new better).

E.B.T.: The vowel-system prevalent in America west of longitude 74, and north of Mason and Dixon's line is, speaking broadly, uzing NED symbols in naturalpitch (i-, e-, a-, o-, u family) order:

ii, ee, æva, qo, un or, transliterated into HERALD-notation, since italics ar not alowd in Orthografy.

ті, ее, æла, оō, ий

not a linguistic one. In the south, the vowel-system is much the same, especialy in districts (as in parts of Kansas and in Texas) setld from the north. About 1870 Ontario helpt to setl Kansas. The a-family is differt in the tru south: northerners say ælabæma for Alabama; sutherners, a-la-ba-ma or alabama with tru Italian a. It is a question of fact, not of opinion, to be setld by acurat observation of facts, for

"These dificulties can be grapld with only by sientific methods, if we hope for satisfactory results..... Acurat noledge of orthoepic facts wud help to setl speling."—Sweet.

## WILL YOU?

The National Educa'l Association recomends and uzes: tho, altho, thoro, thorofare, thru, thruout, program, catalog, decalog, demagog, pedagog, prolog.]

If yu ar a Legislater wil yu favor apointing a Commision of Inquiry on Speling, as France did, which recently reported in favor of certn modifications? Wil yu favor introducing Recomendations by the London Filologic Soc'y being uzed in all government Departments, Bils and Acts?

If yu ar an Author wil yu uze all or part of said Recomendations in yur books, giving vur publishers special instructions to folocopy, as did Landor, Carlyle, Tenyson?

If yu ar a Publisher wil yu relax rigidity of "Ofice Rules," alowing authors to print their works in their orthografy? Wil yu, where authors object not, uze improved speling, one more in harmony with mother-tung, as the Filologic Societies suggest?

If yu ar a Newspaper Proprieter wil yu by degrees introduce modified speling? Yu no how important is evry minut in geting out a daily: why not economize in seting-up? Evry useles letter is a waste of time, labor and ink, aditional wear and tear (with posibl los of clients). Modify Ofice Rules, efect a saving. Let editers accept MSS in unorthodox speling. Instruct riters to educate public opinion as to this.

If yu ar a Compositer wil yu cultivate an atmosfere for orthografic reform in or out of vur chapel? Wil yu welcome MSS deviating from Ofice Rules?

If yu ar a Merchant wil yu tolerate typists and clerks abreviating transcripts?

If yu ar a Lawyer wil yu sanction briefer speling in letters, deeds, etc.? the wearines entaild by needles lettering. Why not deal summarily with intruders?

If yu ar a Sientist yu must no that speling is unsientific. We ar prest on evry side to adopt signtific methods. Shud we tolerate unreasonabl speling, wasting time for teacher and scolar, with indifrent results? Yu deplore lak of interest in sience by the many. Is it mainly due to dificul-The U.S.-Canada boundary is a political, ty in pronouncing and speling words unfamiliar but frequent in sientific works? Wer orthografy robd of glaring inconsistencies, a sientific treatise wud be as welcome as *Robinson Crusoe*. As sience is clad in uncouth garments, let sientists insist that the tailor be changed or that he make atire more becoming. Like Darwin, wil yu enter the arena of sientific orthografy on behaf of sience, truth, children unborn, economy of time, progres of education, the language, and greater Britan yet to be.

If yu ar an Educater consider orthografy from an educational standpoint. Scool Boards and Town Councils hav power to influence Education Departments to improve and develop educational methods. Wil yu help therby to less ambiguities, inconsistencies and wastefulnes of speling:

If yu ara *Teacher*, dificulties of teaching to read and spel need not be enlarged on. Wil yu urge managers and trustees to mitigate this hindrance to yur other work?

If yu ar a *Tradesman* acustomd to advertize wil yu instruct newspaper and printer to uze spelings without useles letters, as color, catalog, thoro, shipt, deilverd, biskit. bild, quartett, rubarb, hymbook, dram, catarr, camfor, telefone, telegraf, arkitect, kemistry, fether, advertize, tung, lether, fotograf, etc.

If yu ar a Workingman yur children cannot stay at scool as long as the rich man's. Yur lak of means shud be made up in better methods. Yur child's education is more important to yu than that of theirs to the weltodo. Helth and brains ar yur child's capital. Unless these be uzed economicly yur child is poor indeed. English speling robs, and, unless reformd, wil continue to rob yu. If yur footrule tel yu a piece of wood is 11 inches long, and, turning the rule over, it showd 912 inches, yu cud not go on. English speling does this: speaks with difrent voices creating ambiguity in the child, which stops, puzld at evry step. Yur child is two years longer lerning to read than is a German one, becaus printed German is more fonetic, more definit, les puzling. Encurage eforts to simplify speling. If yu no litt about speling, ask a frend to read aloud Herbert Spencer's So-

"I entirely approve of fonetic reform. The hole system of English speling is ful of absurdity and contradictions" [retarding English progres]. Yur interest and help ar needed. Read Max Müeller's Lectures on the Science of Language and Prof. Skeat's Principles of Etymology. As serial literature get Dr Lavison's Jurnal of Orthografy (monthly, Ringos, N. Jersey, Sla vear) and The Heral's (quarterly, S. Harbord st., Toronto, Canada, 25 cents, or 12 peny stamps, for 8 copies for a year.)

cial Statics while yu rite a dozen sentences.

Pas the transcription to yur frend, then to yur wife. Compare with the printed page,

ON RITING A NEW LANGUAGE.

Questions of speling a new language ar much like ones of a New Speling for an old language. The Athenaeum has this to say (20 Aug., p. 235) about a Handbook of Bemba, an African tung now first printed:

"The question of speling a new language is always a vext one. It sounds very simple to say one shud spel it foneticaly—i.e., 'all vowels as in Italian, all consonants as in English,' or that one shud folo Lepsius' alfabet. But the former course may present the dificulty of sounds for which no signs exist in English, and the latter with its numeros diacritical marks is always a nuisance in practis, dubly so when teaching native children to read and rite, or printing books at a distant station with none but ordinary fonts of type. From a sientific view-point, no dout, each sound o't to hav its own caracter, and such combinations as sh, tsh, ch, shud be avoided, yet the rufly fonetic system above indicated has workt fairly well in Zulu, and hannew become fixt tee firmly, by a groing vernacular literature of fifty years' standing, to be easily dislodged."

As to Ao Naga a course like that for Zulu, Bemba and other tungs has been in progres for fifteen years as recorded in our vol. i, p. 200. As to what basis shud be taken for a New Speling for languages alredy long rith but whose speling and orthoepy hav drifted apart we hav had pronouncements from sevral. Skeat's has not yet apeard in these colums. Speaking of Italian, he says (Prin. Etymology):

"The pronunciation of the vowels is tru and distinct, and may wel be taken as the basis of any reformd system of speling."—2nd Series, \$211.

In New Speling.]

## ON CHAPMAN'Z HOMER.

Mach hav ai traveld in de relmz ov göld, And meni gudli stats and kingdomz sın; Raund meni western ailandz hav ai bın, Hwich bardz in fıalti tu Apello höld. Oft ov wan waid ecspans had ai bın töld Dat dıp-braud Hömer rüld az hiz demin; Yet never did ai brið its piur serin Til ai herd Chapman spik aut laud

and bold:

Den felt al laik sam wordher ov õe skalz

Hwen a niu planet swinz intu hiz ken;

Or laik staut Corteth hwen wið igl alz

HI staerd at de Pasific—and of hiz men Lukt at ich Ader in a waild sarmaiz, Sailent Apon a pik in Darien.

-Keats.

KEY: de I A ō Ū oi ai au iu as in they see us old moon oil aisle owl few (Marking o or u is unnecesary in open sylabls.)

For fuller explanation and Platform see cover of Annual of New Spelin; (postpaid, 10 c.) publisht evry July as archives of the year.

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