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OPINIONS OF EMINENT MEN.

(Continued from page 87.)

The idea that presnt speling is a grand historic system is a falacy. Insted of be- ing historic it is a jumbl.—Dr J.H.GLAD- STONE, F. R. S.

Nothing need be invented to make spel- ing easy, consistent and simpl. Ther is requisit litl more than omision of useles leters. Even ful fonetics wil come gradu- ally thru simplified speling.—Dr T. B. WELCH.

As an unfortunat compeld to pas over ruf places in our antique speling, I feel gratefult to inovaters, American and other, who help to smoothe the way for yung peopl. . . .lightening burdens imposed by ignorance and prejudice.—GEO. MACLOS- KIE, prof. of Biology, Princeton university.

I look on establisht speling as a mas of anomalies, the growth of ignorance and chance, equally repugnant to good taste and comon sense. The public cling to the anomalies with a tenacity proportional to their absurdity, jelos of all encroachment on ground consecrated by prescription to the free play of blind caprice.—CONNOP THIRLWALL, D. D., Bishop of St Davids.

Evry one familiar with the busines of education is familiar with the fact that this plague of speling is a plague that meets us all. It is also a costly plague. . . . I am not ashamed to say that I some- times do not no how to spel a word until I put it down in riting, and it comends it- self to a sort of organ—I cannot call it sight or tho't, it is something between— and enormos time is wasted so by all clas- es. What I feel most is that out of the scanty time alowd for education in ele- mentary scools, one year at least shud be literally wasted in what is worse than use- les—simply puzling the child.—JOSEPH ANGUS, D. D.

WANTED, A HARRIET BEECHER STOWE.

Most intelligent peopl ar alredy convin- ced that speling ref'm is a worthy cause. Public education in this has been of the hed, not the hart : it shud be of both.

To set the machinery in motion what is

needed? A great story wil both teach the hed and tuch the hart. Ther is plenty of material for such. Milions of children hav their tender minds confused and stu- pefied by the hard, dry, useles, sensles stuf of silent leters or complicated substitutes. Many ar drivn by utter repulsivnes in sp. *from study to truancy.* Thru this, some, otherwise the making of good citizens, fall into evil company, go from bad to worse, landing in prison.

With welth of material, ther is no Har- riet Beecher Stowe to rite the story. May God raise up some humbl scool girl or teacher with power to stir all humanity's hart. Irvington, N. Y. G.W.WISHARD.

NEWS-NOTES AND COMENTS.

—A necrologist wanted. This was one of many tho'ts by the riter as he saw the mortal remains of Bishop Thirlwall laid at rest, about 1st Aug., 1875, in Westminster Abbey. One of his opinions appears in the colum just before this.— No ful statement of his views on this is extant, as they shud be. Here is an outspoken scolar on- ord by cotemporaries, taking part in Old Testa- ment revision, translator of Schleiermacher's critical work on Luke's gospel, and (with Arch- deacon Hare, another speling reformer) of Nie- buhr's history of Rome; while his own masterly history of Greece in eight vol's ranks with that of Grote. Too litl is known of what such scolars rote and tho't on amended wordforms.

—Dr John Hall Gladstone, not a relativ of premier Gladston, was born in London in 1827 and died there sudnly on 6th Oct. last. He was educated in University Colege, London, and at Gtissen university. For 21 years he represented Chelsea in the London Scool Board, and much of his activ life was as an educator. He is considered a founder of fysical chemistry. In 1872, as pres't of the chemical section of the British Asoc'n he said "The so-call'd educated clases in England [elsewhere, too] ar not only supremely ignorant of sience, they hav scarcely arived at the first stage of improvement—noledge of their own ignorance." Much of his energy was along this line, popular education or difusion of noledge. Nature (of 16th Oct) says : "The beuty of his ca- racter and the kindlines of his nature endeard him to all." See his opinion in colum preceding. He rote a small book (Spelling Reform, publsht by Macmillan) replete with strong reasoning, sound judgment and moderation.

—Dr Joseph Angus, principal of a col- ege at Regents Park, London, is another of our recent losses by deth. His Handbook of English, much uzed as a textbook in scools and cologes, is in sevral places clearly in favor of amendment of sp. It is now subject of world gossip that on his visit to America in 1870 he was oferd the pres- idency of Chicago university. See his opinion in colum preceding.

—The text from which we preach on p. 97, the keynote of vol. ii, needs repetition. It was: "These difficulties can be grappled with only by scientific methods, if hoping for satisfactory results. . . . Accurate knowledge of orthoepic facts would help to seal spelling."—SWEET.

—Alfred Ayres, a language purist, author of the *Orthoepist*, *Verbalist*, etc., died of paralysis in New York on 26th October. His real name was Dr Thomas Embley Osmon.

—This invites *you* to subscribe.

—Major John Wesley Powell, PH. D., LL. D., died 23d Sept. For many years he was director of the Bureau of Ethnology at Washington, and formerly director of the U. S. Geologic Survey. His book (*Introduction to the Study of Indian Languages*) has been noticed in our pages (vol. i, p. 78) with its excellent speech-notation, worthy of note as marking secondary vowels by a brev, leaving unmarked ones to be considered as long. Powell worked with true scientific spirit along lines parallel to ours, aiding our cause indirectly.

—A book on Portuguese Orthography, its anomalies and how to remedy them, has appeared at Lisbon. It has 204 pages 8vo, and is by the fonetician, A. R. G. Vianna. When Spanish spelling was reformed it is a great pity that its sister tongue did not follow suit then instead of now, a hundred years after.

—Germany, France, even Spain, manage revised orthography better than we. Discusst in Germany for fifty years, now by agreement between Germany, Austria and Switzerland, new and uniform spelling is to be introduced in April in all schools and official publications, as already accepted by many publishers and journals. Superfluous letters will be omitted, a great desideratum, and other minor improvements made in capitalizations, etc.—The Schoolmaster.

—"Simplified Spelling" is a missionary tract of six small pages of matter suitable for general insertion in letters. It says truly that "multitud ar redi and anachus for simpl spelling, tho thama not be redi for ful fonetics." Get 50 copies for 10 c. from Dr T. B. Welch, 5919 Woodbine av., W. Philadelphia, Pa. "A Child's Ezzi Reader" will follow. Both will awake popular interest. The word-forms are not put forth as final, but provisional. So, Welch accords better with co-workers.

—"What is Standard Pronunciation?" This is now subject of controversy by Mr Phipson and Mons. Passy. The former appears to have instanced the dict's, as Murray's and its French equal, Littré's; to which Passy retorts (in *Maitre Phonétique*, Nov.): "Did Murray and Littré get standard pron. by revelation? or by observing their own and others' speech. If the latter, why shouldn't we do the same?" Up to 1888 Passy used twelve-vowel standard English. Then he was hypnotized into colloquialism, fell into a Sweet sleep like Homer's lotus-eaters, hard to waken. To us colloquialism seems a Slough of Despond to flounder in, not a lotus-bed.

—Readers need reminding of this fact: THE ANNUAL OF NEW SPELLING, a covered pamphlet, is a year's HERALD—postpaid for 10 cents. Judiciously distribute all your HERALDS as they are received; then file THE ANNUAL yearly. It is now sent with edges untrined because better so to be bound into volumes and trined evenly after.

—The Amended Spelling in these pages is got by following these two very simple principles: OMIT useless letters; CHANGE (if sounded so) d to t, ph or gh to f; let -er denote agent-nouns.

—An obituary notice of Dr Angus with expressions of his views on orthographic amendment are put forth by Mr Drummond in the *Journal of Orthoepy and Orthography* for November.

In the same number both Mr D. and Mr E. Jones of Liverpool do the same for Dr Gladstone.

—Mr Benn Pitman has resided at Cincinnati, Ohio, since 1852. He is a brother of the late Sir Isaac. He offers three prizes among pupils of Cincinnati schools for best orthoepy rith in a twelve-vowel scale.

INCONSISTENCY, THY NAME IS SPELLING
(By E. L. Sabine in *The Bangalore Magazine*.)

When the English tongue we speak,
Why is *break* not rimed with *freak*?
Will you tell me why it's true
We say *see*, but likewise *few*;
And the maker of a verse
Cannot cap his *horse* with *worse*?
Beard sounds not the same as *heard*;
Cord is different from *word*;
Cow is *cau*, but *low* is *le*;
Shoe is never rimed with *foe*.
Think of *hose* and *dose* and *lose*;
And of *goose*—and yet of *choose*.
Think of *comb* and *tomb* and *bomb*;
Doil and *roll*; and *home* and *some*.
And since *pay* is rimed with *say*,
Why not *paid* with *said*, I pray?
We have *blood* and *food* and *good*;
Mould is not pronounced like *could*.
Wherefore *done*, but *gone* and *lone*?
Is there any reason known?
And, in short, it seems to me
Sound and letters disagree.

LITERATURE

THE PRACTICE OF TYPOGRAPHY: Correct Composition, by Theodore L. De Vinne, A. M. The Century Co., N. York; x+476 p. 12mo, cloth.
Each teacher and printer has life-long struggles—one as to what should be taught, the other as to what should be practised—in spelling or received word-forms, including all signs in the printer's type-case. De Vinne (of the De Vinne Press New York, celebrated for excellent work) herein gives reason and rule for use of all printers' signs, including spelling (half the book), and excellent reasons, rules and examples they are. Lists of words ending in *ence* and *ance* are given—two quite too troublesome classes; at the end are found 1600 preferred spellings in parallel columns with four American and three British authorities for most of them. The work is a practical treatise on word-forms.

READY REFERENCE HELPS by D. Kimball, 113 Adams st., Chicago; 208 pages 3 x 5½ inches.

For 25 cents you have a glossary of army, chemical, commercial, farmaceutic, legal, mechanical, nautical, naval, transportation and other technical terms and abbreviations with brief definitions and explanations, translations of frequently used foreign words and phrases, tables of weights and measures (common and metric, with equivalents), sizes of paper and envelopes, tables of money, foreign coins, plan of land surveys with base lines and principal meridians, abbreviations in telegraphy, and much else needed often by literary or business people, and daily by office workers. In

it, f is put for ph thruout, a step worthy of imitation by other progressiv publishers. May this step by Kimball lead to f for ph all over. Thus, John Bell (1745 to 1831) abolisht long s a hundred years ago. Considering long s superfluous, he one day orderd his compositers and proofreaders to uze crooked s thruout. Printers and publishers folo'd his exampl. 'T was done.

STUDIES FROM THE YALE PSYCHOLOGICAL LABORATORY, edited by E.W. Scripture, Ph.D., Director. Vol. ix, 142 pages 8vo. \$1.

IBIDEM, vol. x, 117 pp. with 12 plates. \$1.

Under Pronunciation we include rythm and rime in poetry. "Researches on the rythm of speech [verse and prose] by J. E.W.Wallin" comprise all of vol. ix. Mr W. proceeds, by machine methods chiefly, to develop the doctrin of the "centroid":

"Both speaker and hearer feel recurrence of points in succession at which the impresion reaches a maximum. These maxima ar felt to hav their positions determind not only by actual maxima of vocal effort and of acoustic impresion but also by the preceding sounds and by anticipation of foloing ones. Ging to this the maxima as felt may difere from actual vocal or acoustic maxima. Such maximum is a 'centroid.'"—P. 9. Ther is a logical swing to words (depend- ing on meaning) as well as a musical one.

"Sweet is the exultance of song, but the strain that precedes it is sweeter, And never was poem yet writ, but the mean- ing o'ermaster'd the meter."

Or, as Wallin puts it on page 1,

"Free rhythmic flo is expresion of impulses, unconsciously operativ, in the poet's mind in riting. Mechanical scansion is expresion of impulses consciously striving to produce perfect uniformity for certa pleasure derived from satisfaction of expectant attention. In so far as it is perfectly meca- nical it disregards the word's logic and sense, for fuller gratification of impulses relatively incapabl of being intellectualized."

In vol. x, 47 pages ar on "Researches on Rhythmic Action" by Ishiro Mikaye, Ph. D., being records of observations on four persons subjected to experiment; 30 pages is a 2d Series of "Researches in Experimental Phonetics" by Prof. Scripture, the 1st Series being considered on our p. 88; 11 pages record "Experiments on Motor Education" made by W.S. Johnson on gradu- ats of Yale before and after gymnastic training; 3 pages by H. C. Courten go to sho that unconsius and involuntary move- ments of the tung ocur during mental ac- tion; and 21 pages on fonetic notation by our contributor, Mr E.H. Tuttle. For haf a century, dating from Bunsen's congres in 1853, ther has apeard a number of sys- tems of speech-notation of conspicuos merit. Tuttle's is the latest born, clast with those of Lepsius, Max Müller, Bell, Storm, Vietor, Ellis, Passy, Sievers, Sweet, Araujo, Vianna, Jespersen, Haldemann, March, Barnum, Murray and authors of partial systems. This new presentation of speech fenomena serves the useful purpos of causing critical reconsideration of the hole subject with resultant progres. Tut- tle holds that scientifi notations shud

"provide suitabl transcription for any speech sound. I outline such sign-system; with due regard to principls considerd and to presnt uzages of filologists."—Page 102.

He uzes "types now in comon use," and "indicates quantity, stres and pitch by separat modifiers" (p. 100). That's right! Defer to linguistic uzage, giv us legibility, and clear-cut precision (not loosnes) as to elementary fones and their modifications.

BRITISH PHONETIC SYSTEM, being Ortho- graphic Reform; by G. Streeting, Adisham, via Dover, Eng. 132 pages 16mo, cloth boards.

28 pages ar printed, 104 ar lithografit; it heralds an alfabet of 44 symbols. Unlike Tuttle, he does not go far enuf for fonetic *scientifi* notation, yet quite too far for *pop- ular* use in Orthografi. Streeting comes down between these two stools. He wud enlarge the alfabet by diferentials (not yet cast nor shud they be), never by diacritics. Stop "hatching one scheme after another." Read plank 8. Progress by evolution. A number of Streeting's points ar suggesttiv.

DIE VULKANE Pelé, Krakatau, Etna, Ve- tuv. Von Prof. Dr Kewitsch in Freiburg. Pa- per, 32 pp. 8vo; Soltau, Norden, Prussia; 1 Mark.

This German pamflet is about four vol- canos, and is printed in such New Speling (very legible) as its author advocates for German—an exampl worth foloing: print yur brochures in such New Sp. as yu ad- vocate, not shout for the other felo to do it. With Kewitsch, z = ts, und is und, dort is dort, durch (durx) durch, sind find, Hos- pital Hospital, wahrscheinlich wahr[schei- lich, darf darf, Bank Bank.

SECOND REPORT of the U.S. Board on Ge- ographic Names, 1890 to 1899. 2d edition. Gov't Printing Office, Washington; 150 pp. 8vo, cloth.

This Report, delayd in publication, is a consolidation of decisions to 4 April, 1900.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Geografic Board of Canada to 30th June, 1902, 16 pages large 8vo, pamflet, King's Printer, Ottawa.

Eleven pages ar decisions on 427 out of 6300 place-names for a new map of Can- ada now under way. This Report is sesion paper 21a-1903; price 5 cents from A. H. Whitcher, Ottawa. A Fifth Report, prom- ist in 1903, wil be a consolidation.

REGELN für die deutsche Rechtschrei- bung nebst Woerterverzeichnis.

This pamflet of 58 pages 12mo may hav its title-page translated thus: "Rules for German Orthografi with Word-List. Pub- lishit by authority of the Royal Prussian Ministry for Ecclesiastical, Educational and Medical Affairs. New Revisioñ. Weid- mann, Berlin. Price 15 pfennigs." It is, then, a state-paper, revizing the dictum, issued 22 years ago, as to speling, so as to make it agree with the uniform amend- ed wordforms mentiond on our pages 77, 87 and 96. It takes efect in April. The Germans steal another march on us all,