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# Fonetic Herald

DEVOTED TO ORTHOPEY AND ORTHOGRAFI.

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## PROSPÆCTUS.

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THE UNDERSIGN'D propozez starting an 8-paged monthly paper, entitld THE FONETIC HERALD, (no ishuz for July or August) at 25 cents per year, five copies \$1, or \$1 for five years. The size ov page shal be about that ov the *Atlantic Monthly*. The first number wil apear az soon az sufishent encourajment iz givn. Its chief object wil be tu elucidate and exemplify the *simplicity* and the *practicability* ov amending English orthograpy on a fonetic basis. It shal not be the organ ov any party, sect or society; nor advocate any particular alfabet or other views, but wil treat the whole subject az one ov linguistic science, and therefore tu be aproacht in the spirit ov general science, always unbigoted and cosmopolitan. Orthoepy, a sister subject ov orthograpy, shal receiv a larj shar ov atention, az wil also, in les degree, etymology.

While orthografic reform haz printed exponents elshwar, it haz none in 'his cuntry. Its speshal object wil be tu call public atention tu it in Canada, espeshally in Ontario, and at the same time furnish a mouth-piece for such suggestions ov orthografic amendment az may be made by its readers. Its matr wil be mainly elementary and missionary. It wil serv tu unite thoz alredy interested, and hu ar now doing singl-handed skirmishing. We shal acomplish more by concentration and union.

The price haz been put so low that it wil not be a tax on any one interested in the least. For \$1, each can keep himself abrest ov the movement for five years and at the same time acquire a nolej ov hiz own tung tu be got in no other way than by considering its sounds analytically.

The study ov fonetic science iz the best means ov becoming a thro English scolar az regards the structure, etymology, orthoepy, history and analysis ov the langwej. Az such it interests every one. Even thoz ov liberal education hav, strange tu say, a defectiv nolej ov their own tung.

Orthografic amendment iz ov interest tu every *teacher* az promising a means ov escaping the weary drujery ov constantly teaching and correcting so much patience-exhausting mis-spelling, the most disagreeabl part ov scool life, and which yet takes nearly haf ov it. Tu every *parent* it iz ov importans az saving childhood from the evils ov "craming." It interests every *child* az helping tu lead tu an emancipation from the slavery ov the spelling book and pronouncing dictionary thruout life.

While each can do much with tung and pen, most wil hav tu be done by printed matr thru the mails. The need ov such for exemplification and for distribution in cheap form haz led tu the prez. <sup>st</sup> propozal.

The jurnal wil advocate "a sign for a sound" so far az the vowels ar con-

cernd only. "The public iz not redy for the introduction ov new consonants." For the first year or two, new letzr wil be uzed tentatively only; after that, such vowel signs shal be uzed az secure a pretty general consent and for which thoz who favor them shal furnish the means for procurung. The wel-non "Five Rules" wil be the minimum ov change employd; the maximum wil be a complete representation ov the vowels, each having its own sign.

The venture iz not undertaken for pecuniary profit. It wil not be profitabl. Much trublsom work and a larj correspondens may be entaild, besides the direct outlay for 'plant', printing and postej. Hence the necessity ov its quite paying actual expenses. Suitabl 'plant' wil cost \$100; each ishu wil cost \$10, or \$100 a year, without alowing for editorial trubl. 500 subscribers ar needed tu pay curent expenses.

The alfabet yuzd in the examplz iz eferd bi the undersind az presenting a number ov favorabl peints for acceptans.

A. HAMILTON, M. A., M. D.

Port Hope, Ont., 25th Oct., 1884.

P. S., 30th Nov., '84.—Until a sufishent strcylashcn haz ben securd, a shet onli wun haf the siz ov that propozd wil be ishud. Wil thoz interested help tu get it thru recomending the paper or sending it regularli tu thoz hu wil aprshiat it? Plez furnish the nam ov eni wun hu empleiz fonetic sberthand. With jeneral apathi it canot go on. It represents a public czs. It wil dezurv a sustaining patronej. Wil it get it? Until enlarjment, it wil be furnisht at 2 copiz fer 25 sents a yer, 5 fer 50 sents, 12 fer \$1. Send \$1 and a duzn namz. Wil the frendz ov a rashunal orthografi bestur themselvz? Adres *Fonetic Herald*, Port Hope, Canada.

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### AN ENLARGED ALFABET.

(Synopsis ov an adres by Dr. A. Hamilton before meeting ov Northumberland County Teachers' Association at Cobourg, Ont., 17th Oct., 1884.)

It iz taken for granted az an acnolejd fact that orthografy iz defectiv. Mr. Dixon haz just given hiz mode ov teaching speling, that iz, how tu remember the forms ov words. He iz the best speler who haz the greatest number ov anomaliz fixt in memory. 'Rogue,' a word Mr. D. uzed in illustration, haz 5 letzr for 3 sounds: r, o, g; a silent e iz aded tu show that o iz long, but az g wud be made soft by that, a u iz put in between g and e tu keep it hard; and having, by this tinkering proces, made some amends for our defectiv alfabet, we must remember that both ar silent! Yu ar assumed tu say: 'We admit the existence and the gravity ov the disease, but what iz the remedy? what ar yu going tu do about it?'

The remedy consists in revising and enlarging the alfabet, which let us do. We need 'for each sound, one sign.' Having that, we spel by sound, insted ov by memory. Having given the sound, i. e., the pronunciation, we no how tu spel; and, conversly, given the speling, we no the pronunciation, insted ov gesing at it, az now, and usually gesing wrong in all unfamiliar words. Ther ar about 36 sounds; our alfabet haz but 23 efectiv letzr. The chief defect iz in the vowels: we hav but 5 vowel signs, a e i o u, while ther ar 12 vowel sounds needing representation, or 13, including long i, theoretically a difthong, practically a singl vowel. Choosing 8 familiar shapes, we hav the following key and examplz. With a sign for each vowel, the problem iz, in efect, solvd.

KEY:—Pronounce the following letrz like the *italic* in the word under each :  
 Aa Aa Aa Ee Ee Ii Ii Oo Oo Uu Uu Uu  
 at art ale ell eel ill I nor not note nut put truth  
 Optional contractions: ũ for yu, ı for yu, as mıtıal, mutual; actıal, actual.  
 In writing, the shape Ee is made thus: Ee.

## THE LORD'Z PRAER.

Our Father hwich art in hevn, Halod be thī nam. Thī kingdum cum. Thi wil be dun in urth az it iz in hevn. Giv us this dá our dali bred. And fergiv us our trespasez az WE fergiv thoz that trespas agenst us. LED us not intu temptashun; But deliver us from EVIL. Fər thīn iz<sup>is</sup> the kingdum, the power, and the glori, fər ever. Amen.

## THE LAST ROZ OV SUMER.

'Tiz the last roz ov sumer	Thus kindli ı scater
Left bluming alon	Thī levz o'r the bed
Ol her luvli cumpanyunz	llwar thī mats ov the garden
Or feded and gen.	Li sentles and ded.
No flow'r ov her kindred,	So, sun me ı folo,
No roz-bud iz nī,	Hwen frendships dece,
Tu reflect bak her blushez	And from Luv'z shīning surcl
Or giv sı fər sı.	The jemz drop awa!
ı'l not lev the, thou lon wun,	llwen tru harts li witherd,
Tu pīn on the stem,	And fond wunz ar flon,
Sins the luvli ar sleping,	O! hu wud inhabit
Go, slep thou with them.	This blek wurd alon?

EXPLANASHUN.—Tu spel bī sound, 1. Omit el silent and el unneseseri letrz. 2. Yuz the old letrz with yuniform consistensi, a e i o u having elwez the sound ech haz in the wurdz pat, pet, pit, poet, put, respectivli. 3. Emplei the nı letrz a e e i o e u u, (comon shaps modifid.) ; Onli 8 mor comon letr-fermz hav tu be fixt in the reder'z memori, and the hol mas ov our sīlent letrz and most ov our miriad anomaliz in speling ar at wuns swept awe. Nobodi shud

be expected tu empløi it in riting, unles preferd. Both must exist sid bī sid at furst. It iz enuf tu be abl tu red it. For that, 5 minuts' studi ov the ke and examplz iz sufishent.

Possibly, and very probably, betr shapes than thoz given can be found, but that iz matr ov detail; the principl iz the same. Diferent shapes mean a diferent solution ov the same problem; the efect iz the same. *The best solution az regards the vowels iz, at the prezent time, the grand desideratum.* Thus, many prefer the shape *e* insted ov *ɛ* for long *e*. In most, espeshaly the Romance tungz, the sound iz represented by *i*. It seems betr, tharfore, tu hav an *i*-shape, with or without the dot, that being matr for international option. A les stif and finisht shape than *ɛ* iz dezirabl; that iz mere matr ov geting a new letr cast. So, insted ov the shapes for long *i*, we may uze ꝥ, ꝧ, or Ꝩ, the latr being got from *li* by tailing tu the right az *Jj* was got, about 1650, by tailing tu the left. The shape ꝧa iz chozen becauz it iz derived from *e*, thus: *e e, e, a*. The sound long *a*, az in *ale*, iz mostly reprinted in other European languages by *e* with some expedient tu sho its length az diferent from *e* in *ell*, or short *e*, (exampl: German, *mehr*, more, pronounst *mar*; French, *reve*, dream, pr. *rav*; Italian, *tema*, theme, pr. *tama*; Spanish, *pesos*, dollars, pronounst *pazos*.) The problem iz tharfore cosmopolitan, certainly international.

Six new letrz hav been already introdust intu our alfabet, viz., J, K, U, W, Y, Z. K and Z wer adapted and adopted from the Greek. K was given its place in Greek, between I and L. Z was placed at the end altho it haz sixth place in Greek. All alfabetz hav an oriental origin thru mythical Cadmus. Cadmus introdust 16 letrz. The sprightly Greek, finding hiz alfabet defectiv, az we do ours now, aded 8, making 24, 4 ov the 8 being aded, by statute, at Athens, B. C. 493. We hav the Roman alfabet. The Romans aded 4 tu the the Cadmean letrz, making 20, which we adopted, and since hav aded the 6 already specified, making our present 26. *Jj* was got by tailing *li* and introdust in Cromwel's time, being before K, already in, and after *li* from which it aroz. I and J ar tu this day often mixt in indexes and dictionaries, az ar also U and V. U was got from V by making the latr round at botm, at first uzed az a second form ov the same letr, after 1630, az a new letr. Tu our day, U and J ar out ov their order among the capitals in the printer's case, proving their recent introduction. W was got by puting two V's together, thus: VV, and so uzed for generations, until a separet type, W, was cast. Hence our od name, dubl-yu, for W, V being formerly calld *yu*. It iz a question whether Y was got by tailing V or from the equivalent Greek capital.

In the past we hav enlarjd our alfabet by, 1, introdusing new shapes when needed: let us agen do likewise. 2, we hav modified old shapes tu make new ones; let us continyu the proces. Having got new shapes, let us assign each some definit fonological valyu and stik tu it, uzing that letr for no other sound. Thus, and thus only, can we cure our miserabl orthografy. The plan propozd iz but a continyuacion ov that found efectual in the past.

Mr. Scarlet, Inspector ov schools for Northumberland Co., moved a vote ov thanks, seconded by Mr. D. C. McHenry, M. A., Principal ov the Collegiate Institute, Coburg, who stated that he had for years been ov the opinion that that propozd or sum such system ov speling must supersede the prezent way, or reched lak ov system. Its unavoidable introduction could only be a question ov length ov time. True, we would hav tu sacrifice sum good etymology, but he supozd that would hav tu go tu secure the great and manifest advantges ov the *sound* system. In accepting the vote ov thanks, the authority ov Dr. Murray and Prof. Max Mueller, the highest living authorities on langwej, was givn that speling by sound was the betr indicator ov etymology and the word *parliament* uzed az an illustration. Its derivation, French *parler*, *u* speak, was much betr indicated by the speling 'parlement.'