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DEVOTED TO PRONUNCIATION AND AMENDED SPELLING.

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AGRI ON A PLATFORM

It iz absolutli neseari for a progresrial and permanent ðet wi cim tu sim sort ov agriment on jeneral prinsiplz. Til ðis iz atend — antil evri wan rekognizez ðet ðer iz no roial rōd. — no method can bi saund ðet ðaz not fulfill sertn definit condishonz — Til ðen ðe public wil continyu tu rin after wan method after an iðer, tu retern disappointed [and disgasted].—Dr H. SWIT (SWEET) in Prefas tu *Pract. Study ov Lang's*.

Werk shud bi ðin mecanicali at ferst — No *a priori* jeneralizezionz shud bi alaaud tu interfir wið ðe investigetorz ferst em:—gaðering matrial enif for a bəsis ov saund dediksionz.—IBID., p. 271.

It iz mach izier tu hɪp ɪp matrial ðan tu yutilaiz it. It iz izi for a diksionari compailer tu brag ov tanz ov matrial, milyonz ov slips kollekted for him, bat hwen it cimz tu sorting ðiz slips acording tu mining ov werdz, and weing evidens ov ich, hi often wishez ðet hi had started wið a tan or tū les. Let ɪs, ðen, tek worning bai Brauningz (Browning) gramərrian [ia hiz *Grammarians Funeral*]: —

That lo man seeks a litl thing tu du,

Sees it, and does it:

This high man, with a great thing tu pursu

Dies ere he nos it.—IBID.

GO SLO

Progres in eni thing haz nesesarili tu bi bai olmost infinitesimal increments ov chenj, sɪdn and vaiolent eforts bring proverbiali frutles. Ool attempts at revoluseonari orthografi hav ended, so far, in ludecros felyur. It iz ool wel enif retoricali tu took abaut ðe nonsens ov eating a dogz tel of insh bai insh, or foli tu bring lobster-cuking veri sloli tu

boiling-point. . . . Despait ool similez, wi mɪst go abaut reform *sloli*, or wi du not go at ool, ðe gret werld going its we. .

A gret rok in Americaz path ov progres iz: Sim jarnalz hav, or wish for, a feu sabscriberz in Ingrand, and so fir tu shok Anglican predjudis bai speling *anesthesia* wiðaut sōl-seving *æ*. American oothorz ov buks and ðer pabliherz luk tu Inglish baiierz—and so ðe, olso, mɪst flater insyular aidraz. Ool thingz werk tugeðer for gud tu him hu hvz old wəz; ool thingz, it iz sed olso, cim tu him hu wets — and werks. So, on aur part, it nɪdz a litl mor pəsiens, rɛleri, persistent and prudent progres—not going tū fast, nor geting taird or luzeng temper — tu ashur farðer entrens ov ðe thin wedj ov comon-sens, and bai and bai ðe log ov heuman konservatizm wil bi split waid open. Don't let ɪs bi in tū gret a hari. Hestn sloli; never luz pəsiens. In ðer harts pipl ar indifrent abaut it, bat wi mastn't tel ðem so.

Az tu opozishon ov contribyutorz: On *The News* ai hav had bat tū objektorz. Tu wan, a gret nem, wi gev we gladli, and in hiz articlz speld *orthopædic* and *hæmorrhage* tu plɪz him. In abaut a ɪr hi acnolijd hiz eror sponteneosli, ðet ðe “rul ov ðe *News* ofis” woz “rait.” ðis elɪr-heded man iz an American. ðe iðer objekter iz an Inglishman, hu, stil protesting agenst ðe prinsipl, permits *News* praktis tu rul ɪvn in hiz most valyud articlz.—GEO. M. GOULD, M. A., M. D., in *Spelling*.

SKIT WOZ WAIZ

Skirts (Skeat's) wizdom can bi ilastreted veri wel bai thri seingz remarkabli waiz and credited tu him:—

1. Acsept Italyan vauelz az standard.

2. Hau (or wið hwot simbol) shal wi reprezent ðe non-Italyan vauel in *come, but, up?*—ðe *cruz* ov ðe sityuesion.

3. It iz dautful if wi shal ever get a tru spelling-reform; if wi du, it wil cam from America.

OBJECT

Tek ðis alfabet az a provizyonal basis and get ðe best alfabet wi can bai improving ðiz leterz or selekting beter. Neu Speling iz a sistematic set ov werd-formz, wið 99 persent ov ðem fikst, chosen tu acord (or not konflikt) wið rulz ov resivd pronansiesion in ðe literari langwey, reflekting and embaming ðem. It avoidz, so far az praktikabl, konflikt and konfeuzeon in werd-formz clashing az nau in Old Speling, meking important discriminesionz not found in carent spelling, a desaided gen in presizyon. Neu Speling iz also shorter, simpler, and iz komparativli regyular.

YUROPIC

About 8 yirz befoer hiz deth in 1890, A. J. Elis (Ellis) put forward a plan ov waidening aur vauel basis from a Latin tu a Grico-Latin win colld Iuropik (wi prefer *Yuropic*). Araund 1879, March had proclemd ðe Latin alfabet az ðe lain ov advans. Yus ov Grik and Latin leterz haz spred, separitli raðer ðan konjointli, thruaut Yurop and most ov norðern Esia (Asia) nder influens ov Istern or Western Cherchez. Meni langwejez, in ðer literari (raðer ðan spoken) formz, hav mach literateur embamd in ðem. It iz wel tu hav ðiz tu alfabets, if not agri at list korispond closer, in komon yus ov simbolz alaid in orijin az wel az in alfabet, espeshali az werld-literateurz ar involvd. Wi sekond Eliss plan.

TESTING IT

Elis mæd a selektiv set ov werdz ðet, givn in olmost eni neu spelling, bringz aut oll srios dificaltiz in ðe problim. Wi gev ðe werdz in vol. ii, p. 238. Elis haz givn ðem in old-leterz:—

Aa, faadher, ai am shuur dhat dhat niu braunch ov aur Jorj'iz feiverit wud-bain, hwich

iz grouiq niir dhi poust not far from dhi north wool ov dhi garden, mæst bii seif tu mezher about tuufiit or mor in leqth tudei, ænles søem mis'hap iz okærriq, or it haz søedenli lost its luzhiual vaital enerji; ai keirfuli obzærvd its reit ov inkriis evri wiik dhis mænth, and nouted it daun akiuritli on iur sleit, and ai nou dhat it haz ekspiirienst nou veirieshæn, barriq wæns, diurriq a desperitli anoiq interval ov kould porriq rein.

Wi consider ðis a form ðe werdz mæ tek hwen konfaind tu old-leterz, *not* dogmatic Neu Speling. Wi gev ðe werdz on p. 238 in HERALD Notesion ezemplifaieng colowweal Old Landon pronansiesion. Elis had yuzd ðem for ðis in hiz Glosic Speling ðet Swit thoot a mistek and a felyur (az wi du), and sed so in *Ency. Briq.* Wi giv ðe werdz agen tu ezemplifai werd-formz ov a "provizyonal Neu Speling" wið aur alfabet:—

Aah! faðer, ai am shur ðet ðat neu branch ov aur Jorjez fevorit wud-bain, hwitsh iz groing nir ðe pøst not far from ðe north wool ov ðe garden, mast bi sef tu mezyur about tu fit or moer in length tude, ænless sam mis-hap iz oçring, or it haz sidsli lost its yuzyual vaital enerji; for ai hav ceerfuli obzærvd its ret ov incris evri wik ðis mænth, and noted it daun akyuratli on iur slet, and ai *no* ðet it haz ecpriienst no veriesion, barring wins, deuring a desperitli anois eng interval ov cøld poaring ren.

In 1883 ðe Ing. Sp. Ref'm Aso'n pablisht ðis az its chois in Old-Leter:—

Dhi biznes ov a pouet iz tu egzæmin (not dhi individyual, bæd) dhi splishiiz; tu rimark jeneral propertiz and larj apii-ransez. Hii dæz not nember dhi striiks ov dhi tiulip, or descaib difrant sheidz in dhi vøerdyer ov dhi forest. Hii iz tu egzibit, in hiz portreits ov neityer, søech prominent an straiiking fiityerz az rekaol dhi o'rijinal tu evri maind; an mæst niglekt dhi miniuter diskrimineishanz, hwich wæn mei hav rimarkt and anædher niglekted, for dhouz kærakteristiks hwich ar alaik obvias tu vijilans an kehrlesnes.—*Dr. Jonsn.*

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