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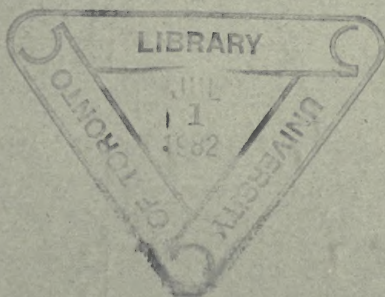
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NASHONAL AND INTERNASHONAL SPELING.

THAIIR iz sum confyuzhon az tu the naityur ov a reformd speling ov English which we must trie tu dispel az we enter upon the second yeer ov our campain.

We need tu ciendz ov speling—a nashonal and an internashonal. The later iz recwierd for siëntific purposez and for the teeching ov forin langwijez. It shood be ov such a ciend that it can represent everi variëti ov speech soundz.

Such an alfabet nesesarili recwierz a larj number ov sienz, and eeven then it iz not aultugether satisfactori. We reali need complecs simbolz, such az Prof. Jespersen haz so injeeniusli deviezd in hiz analfabetic sistem, which indicaitz the acshon or pozishon ov eech organ ov speech consurnd in the producshon ov a sound. Hovever, for scuul purposez, hiz sistem iz obviusli tu elaborit.

In teeching forin langwijez it iz important that we shood hav a set ov simbolz with recogniezd valyuz, and heer again it iz important that the saim simbolz shood surv for aul the langwijez taut. Thoez hu hav foloed reesent developments in the teeching ov modern langwijez noe that a grait advaans haz been maid in the wurc ov imparting the forin pronunsiashon. The alfabet emloid aulmoest ecsclusivli iz that ov the Internashonal Fonetik Asoesiaishon, which iz far mor wiedli yuzd thruout the wurd than eni uther. Long ecspeeriens shoez it tu be wel adapted for practical scuul wurc.

It seemz a grait piti that moest ov thoez hu deviez nyu sceemz ov speling, with nyu leterz, pai so litl atenshon tu this alfabet and indeed tu the resurchez ov fonetishanz jenerali. A reform ov the

speling must be in the direcshon ov bringing the ritē langwij mor intu harmoni with the spoecen; and wun hu discusez speling reform shood furst ecwip himself with sum nolej ov the soundz ov our speech. It iz not az tho taucing a langwij and heering it, houeever long, sufiest tu convai this nolej; in a properli spelt langwij it miet duu so, but in ourz the speling constantli misleedz. Peepl thinc thai uter soundz becauz thai spel them; thinc thai pronouns wurdz diferentli becauz thai ar spelt diferentli, and *vice versa*. Thus, we hav hurd it sed that "made" iz not pronounst in the saim wai az "maid," and thair ar meni hu hav not realizezd that thair ar tu ciendz ov *th*.

Let us taic az an egzaampl ov the sceemz which includ nyu leterz that propoezd bi Dr. A. W. Thomson. He sujests the yus ov whot iz jenerali regarded az the length marc for the vouelz in "faather" (\bar{a}), "fain" (\bar{e}), "fateeg" (\bar{i}), "oeld" (\bar{o}), and "poot" (\bar{u}), and of \bar{n} for the laast sound ov "ring."

Nou, in the furst plais, the length marc iz trublsom tu riet; liec everi diacritic, it interfeerz with the floe ov the pen. (It iz a piti we duu not return tu the undoted *i* and adopt an uncrost form ov the *t*, such az iz yuzd in German.) It iz aulso a seerius adishon tu the printer'z stoc ov tieps; the cwotaishonz about "nyu leterz" in the laast number ov THE PIONEER shoe that cleerli.

Secondli, it iz tu much liec the recogniezd fonetic sien for naizal vouelz (\bar{a} , \bar{e} , etc.); and a long naizal vouel wood recwier boeth sienz abuv it.

Thurdli, it tendz tu efais the distincshon between taul and short leterz, which iz ov veri grait importans for the recognishon ov wurdz, az haz been abundantli pruuvd bi reesent resurch.

Forthli, it iz not consistentli yuzd: in "pūt" and in "riñ" the marc duz not indicait length at aul; and in the uther caisez the pairz ar not simpli longz and shorts. The vouel ov "fat," if lengthend, iz much cloeser tu that ov "fair" than tu that ov "faather," that ov "dot" cloeser tu *au* (az in "faul") than tu *oe* (az in "oeld"). The soundz in "fair" and "faul" duu not apeer in the sceem at aul; but in the spesimenz we noetis "brod" (= "braud"), "ol" (= "aul"). The fact that in "fait, doet" the difthongal pronunsiashon iz the moest comon iz aulso obscyurd. Tu sai that "the vouel soundz propoezd for \bar{a} , \bar{e} , \bar{i} , \bar{o} , \bar{u} ar the long Italian soundz" iz just a litl funi; reed "The Sām ov Laif" with long Italian vouelz and yu wil get—enithing but standerd English.

The yus ov *y* az a vouel (az in "very") serprizez in a sceem which strievz tu be fonetic; the distincshon in "boy, boiz" aulso

haz no fonetic justificaishon, and if fienal *i* and *oi* ar tu be riten *y* and *oy*, whi not "tay, taiz" (for "tie, tiez")?

Compair with this sceem ov vouel representaishon that ov the Internashonal Fonetic Asoesiaishon and yu wil not hezitait for a moement which tu prefer.

Az for the consonants, thair iz litl tu noet in Dr. Thomson's sceem. If a nyu sien iz tu be adopted, the wel noen η (*i.e.*, *n* with the tail ov a *g*) iz far beter than \bar{n} . Dr. Thomson's preferens ov *k* oever *c* iz shaird bi meni; it iz a cwestion we shal shortli submit tu the consideraishon ov our memberz. With regard tu *qu* and *x*, Dr. Thomson wood retain them; thair seemz litl gain in the former cais, unles *q* (without the adishon ov *u*) be yuzd for *cw*. "X shoold be retaind with its prezent valyu ov *ks*"; so we ar tu riet "nek, nex, stik, stix," but "eg, egz, egzamin."

Dr. Thomson's sceem, ecsept for its obviusli Scotch flaivor, iz tipical ov meni sceemz submitd tu us; it faulz short ov the Internashonal alfabet tu which we hav refurd. It wil be wel for aul hu consider the cwestion ov nyu leterz tu studi that alfabet cairfuli befor launching a sceem ov thair oen.

We sed abuv that we aulso recwier a nashonal alfabet; and it iz this that we ar prinsipali consurnd with. Whot duu we cheefli need? A notaishon such that a chield taut tu pronouns properli can represent the soundz without hezitaishon, bi meenz ov leterz or groups ov leterz consistentli yuzd, and so selected that he wil be aibl tu reed boocs in the bad oeld spelung without dificulti. It must maic yus ov the leterz nou in yus—az the ecspeeriens ov Pitman and Ellis haz shoen. Posibli, in cors ov tiem, a fyu nyu leterz mai be introdyust; but thair ar grait dificultiz in the wai ov this.

We duu not denie that sum dai thair mai be an internashonal alfabet, yuzd for aul langwijez thruout the wurld; we shal gladli duu whot we can tu further it. But the moest ardent optimist wil not maic boeld tu maintain that this grait object wil be ataind suun. It iz a cwestion ov sentyuriz.

Meenwhiel, ar we tu goe on waisting our children's tiem? Ar we tu let them sufer, and wurc oenli for distant jeneraishonz tu cum? Can we aford tu wait?

Ov this we mai be cwiet shuer: tu acheev suceses we must prezent a yunieted frunt; and whotever sceem iz adopted iz bound tu be a compromiez. Let us, then, begin the Nyu Yeer with a braiv spirit and redi tu sacrifices, if need be, our oen predilecshonz for the saic ov the grait cauz that we hav at hart. Then we shal win, and suun.

WHI ISAAC PITMAN FAILD.

Beleeving, then, az we duu, that speling bi sound iz the oenli tru moed ov speling, we feel at pees in the ashuerans that tiem wil bring tu it the saim suces and ecstenson which it haz braut tu truuth in uther formz and uther siēsenz. Thus thincing, we can wel aford tu be caam under whotever opozishon we mai encounter, noing that so far az our sceemz ar setld in truuth, we hav but tu bied our tiem, and we shal see them reseevd with aclamaishon.—ISAAC PITMAN, 1852.

THAIIR ar sed tu be sum maasterful memberz ov the hyuman famili hum no dainjerz afriet and no laiborz tier, and the fraiz slietli alterd mai be aplyed tu Isaac Pitman, in the sens that no dificulti or opozishon ever afrieted him or cauzd him a moement's hezitaishon when he had convinst himself ov the wizdom ov the cors he had desieded on, whiel no amount ov literari toil ever seemd tu weeri him. Not meerli in hiz long and vigorus manhood, but eeven in thoez daiz ov decliening strength when moest men ar content tu rest from the laiborz ov a lieftiem, he stil egzibited the saim dezier for wurc. Hiz step woz az elastic, hiz hand az stedi, and hiz hed az cleer at aiti az it woz twenti yeeرز urlier in hiz career.

Born intu an eera ov reform, he advocaited reform in everi direcshon, but gradyuali the reform ov English speling oevershadoed aul els, and for wel oever fifti yeeرز he consentraited hiz enerjiz on this point.

Wun hundred yeeرز hav elapst sins hiz burth, seventi sins he started hiz cruusaid—and whot duu we fiend? Nothing cood hav been a graiter suces than hiz shorthand! Nothing cood hav been a graiter failyur than hiz speling!

A sentenari iz yuzhuali an ocaizhon for glosing oever aul short-cumingz, but Isaac Pitman woz caast in a sturner moeld than moest men, and woz ever redi tu sacrifices himself for hiz object. If hiz sucesorz ar enaibld tu advaans wun singl step bi studiing the cauzez ov hiz failyur, thai mai feel confident that thai ar acting egzactli az he wood hav dezierd.

The failyur ov the muuvment woz dyu larjli, if not mainli, tu the fact that Isaac Pitman pozest in a marct degree the defects ov hiz cwolitiz. Tho he wurct hard for oever haaf a sentyuri, it iz doubtful if he ever advocaited presiesli the saim reform for fiev consecyutiv yeeرز. Nothing woz aloud tu stand in the wai ov Truth, but unfortyunitli hiz Truth woz continyuali taicing up a fresh pozishon. Not content with reform, he woz everlaastingli

reforming reform, so that he never had a staibl platform from which tu preech.

In 1844 the "Fonotipic Jurnal" began tu yuz the nyu forti-leter alfabet. A. J. Ellis had joind forsez with Pitman, and asyumd soel charj ov the "Jurnal" at the end ov 1847. If oenli he had been content tu goe sloe, the entier histori ov speling reform in England miet hav worn a veri diferent aspect. But he woz a yung man in a huri, and within aiteen munths a compleet nervus braicdoun, indyust bi oeverwurc, compeld him tu retier.

With no wun left tu moderait hiz zeel, Pitman rezyumd charj and set tu wurc in urnest. Meni ov the leterz wer chainjd in shaip, thair number woz redyust from forti tu thurtti-tu, then increest tu thurtti-for, then tu thurtti-seven; the funcshonz ov sum leterz wer interchainjd, thai wer increest tu thurtti-nien, thai wer redyust tu thurtti-ait, and fienali, in 1879, tu thurtti-sics. Then it woz discoverd that twenti-thre wer enuf; but wun or tu wer ocaizhionali aded tu this toetal, oenli tu be remuuvd again laiter.

In vain did Ellis and utherz beg him tu pauz and giv the reform tiem tu consolidait. He woz inegzorabl. Truuth, az he sau it at the moement, must be persyud at aul cost; hiz panting disieplz wer hoeplesli outdistanst and never nyu which wai thair leeder wood hed necst. Scuulmaasterz, hu with the graitest eez and suces had taut the yung tu reed from hiz boocs, found, when fresh wunz wer needed, that the nyu cood not be yuzd with the oeld. Just as the aij ov a roc can be dedyust from the fosilz found thairin, so can eni pasij in ful fonotipi be daited from inturnal evidens oenli.

Hiz jeneral atityud tordz fonografi woz much the saim, and the ocaizhonal gaps that mai be noetist between the reereformz ov speling jenerali coïnsied with a nyu edishon ov the shorthand. But fonografi woz a plaant ov sturdi groeth, aibl tu stand a good deel ov pruuning and loping. Moroever, the propagaishon ov fonografi cood be carid on at a profit, that ov fonotipi oenli at a los; so thair wer suum meni teecherz ov the former, but fyu indeed ov the later.

The caliedoscopic beecon continyud tu burn brietli at Bath, but at length its worder gruu oeld and hiz asistants becaim tierd ov footing the bil. Fonetic speling woz gradyuali ousted from aul saiv the tietl ov the "Jurnal," and with hiz deth eeven that lapst.

Nothing besied remainz. Round the decal
Ov that colosal rec, boundles and bair,
The loen and level sandz strech far awai.

W. H. THOMSON.

THE PRINTER AND SIMPLIFIED SPELING.

THE up-tu-dait printer haz, ov cors, obzurvd the imens proegres reesentli maid bi the S.S.S., and a fyu hints from wun ov hiz oen craaft mai thairfor not be aultugether unacceptabl. Theez wil taic the form ov noets, az PIONEER spais iz valyuabl.

Glaansing thru the paijez ov this magazeen, the *Printer* wil see that he must order a fyu ecstra "sorts." Thair iz a graiter "run," for instans, on aul the vouelz; but the freecwent recurens ov *z* wil espeshali cach hiz ie—he wil need, let us sai, sics or seven tiemz the ordinari cwontiti ov theez. The *x*, being recwierd oenli for proper naimz, mai be relegaited tu the "uper cais," alongsied the *k*. Then the partishon mai be remuuvd that nou separaits the *x* and *z*, thus maicing the *z* bocs dubl the yuzhual siez. This wil fasilitait compozishon, az the compozitor wil nou priti ofen fiend hiz hand in this boc. A mor cairful anailsis wil doutles reveel the need ov uther sliet reajustments, but theez the intelijent printer wil cwicli discover for himself.

The *Tiepist* wil duu wel tu practis the rashonal speling in vvu ov the cuming chainj, for it iz confidentli ecspected that authorz wil veri suun insist that thair "copi" shal reech the printer in that form.

The Lienotieþ Operator and Compozitor.—The copi being tiepriten, its difficultiz wil not be grait; and, born along bi the fors ov comon-sens speling and egzilaraited bi the prospect ov revizhual-iezing thair muther tung, the operator and "comp." wil setl down tu thair taasc with serpriezing alacriti and ceen deliet.

The *Printerz' Reeder* wil nou discover that for him the senter ov graviti in the printing wurdld haz shifted from the ie tu the eer—that iz tu sai, he wil not hensforth aasc, "Hou duz it looc?" but hiz incwieri wil be, "Hou duz it sound?" In uther wurdz, *Pronunsiashon* wil be the pivot around which—morning, nuun, and niet—hiz mentaliti wil revolv. Let us hoep that the hithertu somnolent British Academi wil shortli setl dispyuted points for him. Shood he meet with pecyuliaritiz ov pronunsiashon in hiz copi, he wil be cairful tu foloe theez, at the saim tiem saifgarding himself bi meecli sujesting (on the marjin ov the pruuf) whot the abuv-menshond august bodi shal hav desieded.

The subsecwent ruuteen proesesez, with aul ov which printerz ar thuroeli familiar, duu not caul for partycular coment.

Sum Caxtonian reederz ov THE PIONEER mai consider the forgoing a tu roezi vvu ov the mater, and mai object that wun haz

omited tu taic fair noet ov the adishonal ecspens. It iz redili conseeded that compozishon wil for a tiem be mor costli; but, with the rapidli increesing fasiliti ov operaitorz, compozitorz, and reederz (men ordinarili swift tu adapt themselvz tu nyu condishonz), the cost ov this ietem must tend tu decrees in the liec proporshon.

Az tu the man in the street, groïng familiariti with the apeerans ov English in its rashonal dres wil cauz him tu forget that he wuns laaft at it. So riets from ecspieriens an urstwhiel

STAMPLIFTER.

SPELING PROBLEMZ.

WE print sum further opinionz on the vecst cwestion ov the reprezentaishon ov the *oo*, *uu*, *yu* soundz.

So long az we alou *th* tu stand for tu soundz, whi duu we trubl ourselvz with an unfamiliar sien *uu*? I sujest that we yuz *oo* in boeth "good" and "food," espeshali az it iz doubtful if the distincshon wil prevail, "room" being aulredi in a *transizhonal* staj.—H. O. COLEMAN, London.

In mi opinion *eu* iz preferabl tu *yu*. I thinc so partli becauz it loocs beter and partli becauz it iz a difthong ov the soundz *ē* and *û* (in "trûth").—A. GREGORY, Viscount, Sask., Canada.

I liec niether *oo* nor *uu*. Ov the tu I prefur *oo* for the long sound, *u* for the short sound (tu aplie tu "book" and "but"). The eus ov *oo* iz not veri acseptabl in sum wurdz, and *uu* iz veri unfamiliar and wil tend tu tu meni split leterz in MS.—"boom" ("boom"). Az the short *oo* iz not found in meni wurdz, tu represent it and short *u* bi *u* wood not creait much ambeiguiti, and iz a reduschon ov a leter in the diegraf.—H. DRUMMOND, Hetton-le-Hole.

I thinc that Mr. Moore's propoezal tu revurs the S.S. sceem ov *uu* and *oo* wuud be an improovment. I liec the *oo* for the long sound, and wurdz liec "moon, boon, baloon, maroon, saloon" luuc neet and plezant. Besiedz, thai ar aulredi familiar tu the man in the street. The long vouelz ar the aristocrats ov the speling wurld and ar veri conspicuous [*sic*], whiel the short vouelz ar ecstreemli modest. If, thairfor, the aucwerd-luucing *uu* iz alocaited tu the short vouel it wil not be so noetisabl.

The *yue* and *yu* seem tu be veri unsatisfactori. Mr. Moore's propoezal (*yu* and *yoo*) iz veri consistent; but whot a shoc the *yoo* givz. If it iz desieded tu giv up the atemt tu represent the long and short soundz ov *yu*, then I am incliend tu faivor Mr. Sykes's *iu* for *yu*. I liec "niu, fiu, diu" beter than "nyu, fyu, dyu." Hovever, I thinc the form *yu* wuud hav tu be retaind inishali. "Yu, yuth, yus" luuc beter than "iu, iuth, ius." — JOSEPH HOGARTH, Johannesburg, South Africa.

I cwiet agree that *yu* iz corect foneticali, but it iz a form not found (ecsept in "Yule") in our langwij, and thairfor givz riez tu a good deel ov argument. Ov cors, I hav red the varius articlz on this point in THE PIONEER; but sumhou I aulwaiz seem tu cum bac tu the noeshon that *eu* wood be beter. It wood leev a good meni ov our wurdz unchainjd, and, aultho it iz not *cwiet* fonetic, I doen't thinc it wood or cood be misunderstood.—F. M. SEXTON, Kingston-on-Thames.

We hav reseevd a number ov leterz about unstrest vouelz, representing grait divursiti ov vyuz; theez wil apeer in an urli number.

ESAI COMPETISHON.

THE jujez (Mis M. S. Walker, Mr. D. Jones, and Mr. W. Rippmann) report az foloez :

The rezults ov this competishon hav pruuvd hieli satisfactori, and it haz been no eezi taasc tu aword the priezez. Forti-for esaiz on the edyucaishonal advaantijez ov simplified speling wer submitted.

In Claas I (Teecherz in Scuulz—Men) thair wer nienteen competitorz. The priez ov fifteen giniz iz aworded tu *Mr. L. Leadley*, 21 Feversham Crescent, York; and a priez ov fiev giniz tu *Mr. F. A. Cavenagh*, King Edward VII School, Lytham. The esaiz ov Mr. E. A. Bagnall, 75 Cromford Road, Wandsworth, S.W.; Mr. R. Cairns, Elgin Academy; Mr. C. G. L. du Cann, 21 Henshall Street, Chester; Mr. C. H. Hardingham, St. George's School, Harpenden; Mr. J. H. Jagger, Royal High School, Edinburgh; Mr. J. Michell, Higher Elementary School, Devonport; Mr. Ezra Sykes, 51 Headingley Avenue, Leeds; and Mr. A. R. Williams, 155 Lansdowne Road, Worcester, ar wurthi ov speshal comendaishon.

In Claas II (Teecherz in Scuulz—Wimen) thair wer oenli fiev competitorz. The priez ov fifteen giniz iz aworded tu *Mis Susan Phillips*, 139 Box, Metuchen, New Jersey, U.S.A.

In Claas III (Non-Teecherz) thair wer twenti competitorz. The priez ov fifteen giniz iz aworded tu *Mis Hilda Wilson*, 318 28th Street West, Saskatoon, Sask.; and a priez ov fiev giniz tu *Mr. F. L. Sargent*, 27 Everett Street, Cambridge, Mass. The esaiz bi Mr. A. Brodrick, 77 Mount Road, Higher Tranmere, Birkenhead; Dr. Crichton, Castleton, Ontario; Rev. H. Hodder, Wesley Villa, Pontefract; and Mr. F. M. Sexton, Warwick Lodge, Hampton Wick, ar wurthi ov speshal comendaishon.

 NOETS AND NYUZ.

MESSRS. SELFRIDGE hav aulmoest lifted advertiezing into the relm ov literatyr. Everi eevening the London paiperz contain a sparcling colum "reflecting the polisiz, prinsiplz, and opinioz ov this Hous ov Biznes upon vairius points ov public interest." An apeel for the "scraping" ov iedeaz az wel az masheeneri caut the ie the uther niet. "Let Comers hav a yunivarsal scraping campaign. . . . Haz enibodi ever met a reali nyu ieeda and not considerd it 'imposibl' and 'mad' at furst? Yet the amount ov madnes that haz becum saniti iz cwiet remarcabl. . . . Real progres in the world haz aulwaiz been preseeded bi grait atenshon tu the art ov scraping." This iz wizdom wel ecsprest. We turn tu an oeld lumbering loecomoetiv with a feeling ov piti for our paishent forfaatherz. When wuns the curent speling iz "scrap" the world wil wunder houever we got along with it.

THE jeenial "S. L. H." ("Sub Rosa"), speeing on "The English Character" the uther dai, twited hiz cuntrimen with dismissing everi nyu staitment az "a lie" and laibeling pioneerz az "crancs" and "fadists." "Nevertheles, 'crancs' and 'fadists' hav dun mor in the histori ov the wrld than aul the clever feloez poot together." An interesting studi it iz tu trais the pedigreez ov the reformz that hav cum tu adorn our public lief. At the begining yu fiend—a pilori.

"I DEZIER tu becum an anyual member ov yur eceslent Soscieti, with the objects ov which I hartili simpathiez. Shood yur sceem (or wun similar) ultimitli be adopted bi our wrld-wied Empier, it wil not oenli tend tu maic much eezier the acwizishon ov the langwij bi forinerz, but it wil also (nesesarili and obviusli) be a grait buun tu the vaast armi ov authorz, editorz, compozitorz, and printerz' reederz. Indeed, the ocyupaishon ov the laast-naimd foez (ov hum yur prezent correspondent iz wun) wil be seeriusli thretend, inazmuch az thair nou indispensabl nolej ov 'speling' wil no longer be re-cwierd." This iz a mesij direct from the printing hous, and, tu cwoet from a traid jurnal, the printer iz the real autocrat ov speling.

THE abuv leter iz printed egzactli az reseevd, speling and aul. The polisi ov THE PIONEER in regard tu cwoetaishonz iz tu poot them everi wun intu rashonal speling. The habit ov scolarz iz tu reprodyus the speling ov the authorz thai cwoet. It iz a habit that iz duing much tu shaic the sanctiti in which prezent-dai orthografi iz sed tu be enshriend. Whi duu we in theez pajez taic a diferent cors? Becauz wun main mishon ov THE PIONEER iz tu ween the public ie from oeld tu nyu formz ov speling. That cood not be so wel efected if we did not sai, az in Famili Coech, "Aul chainj!" Aafter aul, we ar not duing eni-thing mor than woz dun tu Shakespeare when hiz spelingz wer transliteraited intu Dr. Johnson'z.

"TIM," incwierd Mr. Riley, glaansing up oever the dor ov the poest-ofis, "whot iz the meening ov thoez leterz MDCCCXCVIII?" "Thai meen aiteen hundred and nienti-ait." "Tim, duzn't it streec yu that thai ar carring this speling reform entierli tu far?" We giv the stori from the "Fourth Estate," a New York paiper.

"NEEREST staishon: Maze Hill, S.E.C.R." "A mieti maiz and cwiet without a plan," cwoets Mr. Archer ov the curent speling.

"THAT a boi can goe thru a big public scuul and paas an egzaminaishon in mathematics, French, histori, and the liec, and yet not noe hou tu spel hiz oen langwij or riet properli shoez that sumthing iz amis." Thai ar the wrdz ov an Armi coech. The "sumthing amis" we ar triing tu get rieted. In the speling iz the fault, not in boi or scuul.

"MOEST cyurius ov aul iz the fait ov the wurd 'fault.' In O.F. and M.E. it iz aulwaiz *faute*; but the sicsteenth sentyuri turnd it intu F. *faulte*, E. 'fault' bi the insurshon ov *l*. For aul that, the *l* ofen remaind myut, so that even az lait az the tiem ov Pope it woz stil myut for him, az iz shoen bi hiz rieming it with 'ought,' with 'thought,' and with 'taught.' But the persistent presentai-shon ov the leter *l* tu the ie haz prevaild at laast, and we nou invairiably sound it in English, whielst in French it haz becum *faute* wuns mor. The object, no dout, woz tu inform us that the F. *faute* iz ultimitli derievd from Latin *fallere*; but this duz not seem so far beyond the scoep ov hyuman intelijens that so much painz need hav been taicen tu record the discoveri." (The lait Prof. Skeat.)

THE South Indian Branch continyuz tu maic eceslent proegres. On the 18th ov laast munth Mr. Daniel Jones, M.A., a member ov Comiti, gaiv a lectyur on

speling reform in the Senit Hous ov the Madras Yunivursiti. The lectyur woz graittli apreeshiaited and wil hav an infloocen far beyond the imeediit audiens. "Several nyu memberz hav joind," riets Prof. Mark Hunter, "including Sur V. C. Desika Charry, Kt., a leeding member ov the Indian comyuniti. . . . A good number ov edyucaishonal peepl from diferent parts ov the Prezidensi wer in Madras for the purpos ov atending Mr. Jones'z lectyurz on fonetics, and theez mai be ecspected tu help the cauz when thai return tu thair several staishonz." So the torchez ar handed on tu burn til daibraic.

IN distant parts ov the Empier the vois ov the reformer iz hurd. Mis A. Woodhouse gairv a paiper on the subject ov nyu speling at a meeting ov the Otago Instityut, New Zealand, in "the faul" ov laast yeer. "New Zealand," sez Mr. Coupland Harding, ov Wellington, "haz led the world in mor than wun reform. Whi not in reformd speling?" A letter from the Director ov Edyucaishon in Melbourne faulz in for aproepriit mension heer. Mr. Tate riets: "It iz veri gratifing tu me that the smaul modicum ov reform maid heer meets with yur apruual. Az yu mai be awair, the simplificaishonz adopted heer cauzd much loecal discushon and sum adwers kritisizm. But the Department haz no intenshon ov retraising its steps. . . . Sum atemts hav been maid heer tu form a loecal braanch ov yur Sosieti. I hoep that we shal suun sucseed in this." Mr. Tate iz wun ov the braivest aposlz ov the nyu order.

AT the Children'z Welfair Egzibishon at Olympia our staul ov literatyur attracted much noetis. "Simplified Speling: the Children'z Magna Charta"; "Simplified Speling iz Speling *without* Teerz:" theez wer tu placardz that maid vizitorz pauz. We must never rest until that Magna Charta iz siend by Hiz Majesti'z oen hand.

"WHOT haz struc me moest in lurning Dutch iz the simplisiti ov its speling. I meen the reformd speling which is nou being yuzd bi moest ov the sculz in South Africa. . . . My muther tung, bi the wai, iz not English, but Gaelic, and I hav not forgotten the tiem and trubl it haz taicen me tu lurn English orthodox speling." The rieter livz in Johannesburg. If Britain cood be transported tu South Africa for a yeer tu see the rais between Simplified Dutch and Complicaited English, everi man wood return hoem a convinst reformer.

"IN laast munth's PIONEER," riets Mr. Shield, ov Liverpool, "iz a sujestion from Mr. Horsfall that the Sosieti shood prepar and sel tu the memberz india-ruber stamps . . . and that the Sosieti shood get promisez from its memberz tu riet at leest wun leter a weec in the nyu speling. . . . Az suun az I joind the Sosieti, in 1908, I had such a stamp maid for me and I yuzd it. Sins the Sosieti haz isyud the card shoing the S.S. in breek and the S.S. laibel I hav seest yuzing the stamp, az I aulwaiz atach tu mi leterz iether the card or the laibel or boeth. I am fuli in acord with the second part ov Mr. Horsfall'z sujestion, and wood goe farther and sujest that the memberz shood aul be aaszt tu yuz the nyu speling in aul thair prievit leterz. If everi member nyu that hiz 1,000 feloe-memberz wer yuzing the nyu stiel, he wood feel much encurijd in hiz yus ov it. Dyuring laast yeer I obtaind sics or seven nyu memberz, and I hoep tu obtain az meni—and mor—this yeer. If each ov our 1,000-memberz obtaind seven nyu memberz this yeer, we shood be 8,000 strong. I thinc it miet be maid a subject ov interest tu the memberz if thai vied with wun anuther in this wai." This leter iz its oen aapel.

WE welcum the "Simplified Spelling Bulletin," the organ ov The Simplified Speling Bord ov America, for Desember. Heer iz a stori cwoeited from a nyuz-paiper: "Joel Chandler Harris, the author ov 'Uncle Remus,' woz at hiz desc wun niet when an oeld-tiem reporter looct oever and sed: 'Joe, hou duu yu spel "graphic"?' With wun *f* or tu?' 'Wel,' sed the ciendli Uncle Remus, hu woz

tu jentl tu hurt eeven a comon ajectiv, 'if yu ar going tu yuz eni, Bill, I ges yu miet az wel goe the limit.'"

MR. MAURICE SEXTON, ov Kingston-on-Thames, roet in "Esperanto" an articl on consistent speling ov English. Translaishonz apeerd in the German paiperz. Mor liet, mor liet iz whot we wont. Whairever Mr. Sexton can liet a candl he duz it. It iz the oenli wai tu dispel the darcnes that prevailez in regard tu speling and its sanctitiz.

"FROM the remarcs ov meni, thai wood seem tu thinc that rieting caim furst (in the giez ov English speling, perhaps!) and langwijj aafterwerdz."

IT woz a speshal plezher tu see on the Nyu Yeer'z Onorz List the naim ov Sur J. K. Caird, Bart., wun ov Dundee'z moest prominent sitizenz, and we ad sinseer congratyulaishonz. Sur J. K. Caird haz taicen an interest in speling reform ever sins the daiz ov Sur Isaac Pitman. We welcum intu membership this munth Mr. Alfred and Mr. Ernest Pitman, the sunz ov that grait man huuz sentenari iz seledraited this yeer. A Manchester paiper wuns sed ov hiz sistem ov shorthand that it woz uterli impracticabl! Faather Tiem must hoeld hiz siedz with laafter!

LECTYURZ in adishon tu thoez aulredi anounst hav been arainjd in the foloing Senterz:—

- Janyuari 23.—Pitman'z Scuul. Prof. Rippmann.
 ,, 28.—Harrow Baptist Literari Sosieti. The Secretari.
 ,, 31.—East Northumberland (N.U.T.)
 Februari 4.—Tonge Moor Literari Gild, Bolton. " Mr. John Healey, B.A.
 ,, 5.—Macclesfield (N.U.T. and P.N.E.U.). Prof. Rippmann.
 ,, 15.—Kidderminster (N.U.T.). The Secretari.
 ,, 20.—St. Andrews (English Asoesiaishon). Prof. Rippmann.
 ,, 21.—Bath (S.W.A.). The Secretari.
 ,, 28.—North London Braanch ov M.L.A. Prof. Rippmann.
 March 1.—North Warwickshire (N.U.T.). The Secretari.
 ,, 15.—Bangor (N.U.T. and Styudents ov Normal Colej).
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 ,, 15.—Abertillery (N.U.T.). The Secretari.

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BOOCS.

WE mai, bi good fortyun, obtain a glimps ov a grait poët, and heer the sound ov hiz vois ; or poot a cquestion tu a man ov siëns, and be aanserd good-hyumordli. We mai intruud ten minits' tauc on a Cabinet Minister, aanserd probabli with wurdz wurs than sielens, being deseptiv ; or snach, wuns or twies in our lievz, the privilej ov throing flouerz in the paath ov a prinses or aresting the ciend glaans ov a cween. And yet theez moementari chaansez we cuvët, and spend our yeerz, and pashonz, and pouerz in persyut ov litl mor than theez; whiel, meentiem, thair iz a sosiëti continyuali oepen tu us, ov peepl hu wil tauc tu us az long az we liec, whotever our ranc or ocypaishon—tauc tu us in the best wurdz thai can chuuz, and ov the thingz neerest thair harts. And this sosiëti, becauz it iz so nyumerus and so jentl, and can be cept waiting round us aul dai long—cingz and staitsmen lingering paishtently, not tu graant audiens, but tu gain it!—in thoez plainli furnisht and naroe ante-ruumz, our booc-cais shelvz—we maic no acount ov that cumpani—perhaps never lisen tu a wurd thai wood sai, aul dai long !

—JOHN RUSKIN.

THE speling ov a grait meni ignorant pursonz iz reali mor corect than that ov hieli edyucaited individyualz. Eniwun hu spelz a wurd az spoecen iz a truer styudent ov the langwij, riets mor sensibli, than peepI hu spel historicali. The majoriti ov scuulmaasterz ar in faivor ov fonetic speling. Thai noe whot a hindrans the egzisting method iz. Speling iz a mater ov memori. The leterz gied eceedingli litl tu the pronunsiashon. Men edyucaited at the best scuulz ar unaibl tu spel acyuritli, dyu tu wont ov ie memori. Trie az thai mai, thai can not spel. I hav met sum fairli wel noen men hu cood not riet thair oen langwij without blundering. Theez difcultiz wood be instantli remuuvd if we rezorted tu fonetic speling. The chainj wood render the langwij mor cwicli understood, and the puerer claasez wood reed a grait deel mor if speling represented sound.—DR. FURNIVALL.

THE speling ov English wurdz iz larjli a mater ov fashon, and haz vairid, liec the fashon in cloethz, from jeneraishon tu jeneraishon, and stil mor from sentyuri tu sentyuri. Thair iz no lojical ruul, or natyural lau, about it. The ruulz which guvern it depend entierli upon custom, and the vairiaishonz which ocur in the prevalent custom from tiem tu tiem hav thair orijin cheeffi in the compoezing ruumz ov printing shops, just az the vairiaishonz in the cut and color ov cloethz orijnait in the shops ov milinerz and tailorz.—HENRY LABOUCHERE.

PRES CUTINGZ CLASIFIED.

THE muuvment for Simplified Speling iz discust in the **British Printer**, Des. (" It iz evident that the muuvment must be taicen seeriusli. We sujest that printerz shood obtain from the Sosieti its propagandist literatyr and giv the argyuments fair consideraishon "); the **Month**, Des. ; **Darlington Echo**, Des. 4 (" The reform ov the speling mai be sed tu hav maid considerabl striedz among lurned men "), also in **Northern Echo**, Des. 5 ; **Montrose Standard**, Des. 6 (a sound articl on the etimological argyument) ; **Newcastle Evening Mail**, Des. 10 (" Thair never woz a novelti that didn't looc funi. . . . Eniwun hu wil taic the trubl tu reed thru the list ov ofishalz ov the Sosieti wil fiend in it meni naimz which wil tend tu chec the jest upon hiz tung "); **La Chronique** (J. de Saintours), Des. 14 ; **Kidderminster Shuttle**, Des. 21 (" A. B. A." sez : " The proegres ov the muuvment haz serprizez its moest sangwin frendz. . . . The propoezal ov speling reform constityut the Magna Charta ov cuming jeneraishonz ov children ").

The **Pioneer Mail** (India), Nov. 15, containz a valyubl leeder on the subject ov speling reform. The **Educational Review** (India), Nov., containz a long articl on our wure.

LETERTZ IN SUPORT OV S.S. apeerd in the foloing paiperz : **Newark Herald** (" Maud "), Nov. 30, **Yorkshire Post** (H. Drummond, on " Speling Methodz "), Des. 2, **Newark Herald** (" Verbum Sap. "), Des. 7, **Glasgow Evening Times** (" Phone," hu prefurz *k* tu *c*), and **Evening Standard** (pointing out that Tennyson woz a speling reformer), Des. 9, **Perthshire Courier** (" Verbum Sap. "), Des. 10, **Birmingham Gazette and Express** (" Forwerd "), Des. 12, **Northern Echo** (Mal Bishop), Des. 14, **Daily Citizen** (W. H. Thompson), Des. 17, **Evening Standard** (Oldfield Thomas), Des. 18, **Lancashire Daily Post** (H. Drummond, on the discushonz ov the Lancashire Edyucaishon Comiti and thair bairing on speling reform) and **Helensburgh News** (" En Avant "), Des. 19, **Liverpool Echo** (W. J. Shield), Des. 19, **Kelso Chronicle** (" Maud "), Des. 20, **Yorkshire Post** (H. Drummond), Des. 21, **Plymouth Western Mercury** (" Maud "), Des. 24, **East Anglian Daily Times** (ecspieriments in scuulz recommended), Des. 26, **Newcastle Weekly Chronicle** (H. Drummond, " Mr. Tim Healy, M.P., and Speling "), Des. 28. The **Glasgow Evening Times**, Dec. 7, 9, 21, containz corepondens on the " Simplified Speling Cult."

LECTYURZ ON S.S. wer reported, or ecstracts from them cwoeted, in the foloing paiperz :

Hastings.—Hastings and St. Leonards Advertiser, Des. 5 and 7; Hastings Observer, Des. 7, 14.

Risca (Mon.).—The Schoolmaster, Des. 7.

Rochester.—Chatham News, Des. 7.

Inverness.—Inverness Courier, Des. 10.

Middlesbrough.—North-Eastern Daily Gazette and North Star, Des. 13; Tees-side Weekly Herald and Stockton and Thornaby Herald, Des. 21.

Newcastle.—Darlington Echo, Newcastle Evening Mail, and North Mail, Des. 12.

St. Bride's Instityut.—Observer, Des. 15; Birmingham Daily Mail, Daily Graphic, Yorkshire Evening Post, Liverpool Echo, Yorkshire Telegraph, Evening News, Birmingham Post, Western Morning News, and Manchester Evening News, Des. 16; Dundee Evening Telegraph, Midland Daily Telegraph, Glasgow News, Edinburgh Evening Dispatch, Edinburgh Evening Sun, Daily Herald, Standard, and Evening Standard, Des. 17; Aberdeen Evening Express, Glasgow Evening Citizen, Newcastle Daily Journal, and Grimsby Telegraph, Des. 18; Aberdeen Journal, Christian World, and Liverpool Echo, Des. 19; Reynolds's Newspaper, Des. 22; Commercial Education, Des. 24; Leicester Daily Post and Wigan Observer, Des. 28.

Buckie.—Banffshire Advertiser, Des. 26; Elgin Courant, Des. 27.

Our Card ov GREETINGZ FOR THE NYU YEER haz been wiedli, and not unciendli, menshond : Pall Mall Gazette, Des. 6; Eastern Morning News, Birmingham Gazette and Express (replie bi Secretari S.S.S. on Des. 16), Birmingham Mail, Newcastle Chronicle, Aberdeen Evening Gazette, Des. 7; Observer (replie from Secretari S.S.S. on Des. 15), Des. 8; Edinburgh Evening News, Portsmouth Evening News, and Birmingham Evening Dispatch, Des. 9; North-Eastern Daily Gazette, Cambria Daily Leader, and Western Mail (replie bi Secretari S.S.S. on Des. 21), Des. 10; Weekly Scotsman and Manchester City News, Des. 14; Evening News, Des. 18; Hull Daily Gazette, Des. 19; Southport Guardian and Glasgow Weekly Herald, Des. 28. The Pall Mall Gazette, Des. 24, eeven publisht a "simplified" pictyur tu acumpani "Ring out, wield belz," which woz reprodyust in the Glasgow News, Des. 28.

THE PIONEER iz cwoeted in the Evening Standard, Des. 6; Evening News, Des. 7, 10; Newcastle Weekly Chronicle, Des. 14; Glasgow Evening Times, Des. 20; T.P.'s Weekly, Des. 26.

The wurc ov our lait Prezident, PROF. SKEAT, iz delt with in the Literary Digest (New York) ov Nov. 9.

SUR JAMES CRICHTON-BROWNE sed, at a priez distribyushon, that he had mor faith in speling reform than in eni nyu sistem ov teeching tu reed.—Manchester Dispatch, Des. 5.

MR. TIM HEALY, M.P., sez : "Necst tu Hoem Ruul, the cauz ov speling reform standz neerest mi hart."—Daily Herald, Des. 7.

The Director ov Eduyucaishon in the Stait ov VICTORIA haz sancshond the simplified speling ov sum wurdz.—Melbourne Argus, Oct. 29.

THE CONVENSHONAL SPELING OV FRENCH iz atact bi J. P. A. Martin in Le Français for Sept. 10.

The Sentenari ov ISAAC PITMAN iz recorded bi meni paiperz, and hiz efforts for speling reform ar not forgoten : Bristol Evening News, Des. 2, bi "C.H.C.," aulso yutliezd in Western Daily Press, Des. 2, Bolton Evening Chronicle, Des. 3, Ripon Gazette, Des. 5, Harrogate Gazette and West Ham Echo, Des. 6, Coatbridge Leader, Pateley Bridge Herald, and Bacup Times, Des. 7, Grimsby Telegraph, Des. 9, Grimsby Times, Des. 14, Leicester Daily Mercury, Des. 24; uther articlz in Gloucester Citizen (with speshal referens tu our wurc), Des. 7, Evening News (fuulish jiebz, in an unespacted plais), Des. 10, Pitman's Journal, Des. 14, Western Daily Press, Des. 18, Cleckheaton Guardian, Des. 21, Daily Sketch, Des. 26, Pontypool Free Press and Chippenham Guardian, Des. 27, East Grin-

stead *Observer*, *Manchester Weekly Times*, *Portsmouth Times*, *Isle of Wight Journal*, *Norwood Weekly Herald*, *Leicester Chronicle*, and *Sussex Express*, Des. 28, *Dundee Advertiser*, Des. 30.

SUNDRI subjects ar delt with in the foloing paiperz: *Glasgow Evening Times*, Des. 3 and 7, on the yus ov *ai* in S.S.; *Evening Standard*, Des. 7, 10, on the speling ov "apreesiaishon"; *Edinburgh Evening Dispatch*, Des. 6, 9, 11, 17, 19, 24, 25, on the speling ov Burns; *Leicester Post*, Des. 5, on the speling ov proper naimz in S.S.; *New York Herald*, Des. 9, on the pronunsiaishon ov English in New York scuulz, and on the saim dai an acount in the *Evening Standard* ov a scuul in London for teeching Americanz English, see also the *Standard*, Des. 18; *Rothsay Express*, Des. 10, on the speling ov "Rothsay"; *Daily Citizen*, Des. 12, on Standerd Speech and Sensibl Speling; *Evening Standard*, Des. 14, on the need ov a Conferens on standerd speech; *Birmingham Gazette and Express and Dundee Advertiser*, Des. 30, on sum vagairiz ov the English tung; *Western Mail*, Des. 28, on *k* az preferabl tu *c*. The *Glasgow Herald*, Des. 25, cwoets from a "catalog ov caits" at a Christmas diner provided for sum enthyuziastic speling reformerz; so duz the *Glasgow Evening Times* ov the saim dai.

Our **BLAC LIST** for the munth iz not larj; moest ov the "critisizm" iz harmles, az in the *Glasgow Herald*, Des. 2, which maid yus ov a badli spelt leter reseevd bi a Parish Council clarc tu poec ~~for~~ at S.S. It woz reprinted bi the *Yorkshire Evening News*, Des. 3, the *Newcastle Evening Mail* and the *Universe*, Des. 6.

The *New Age*, Des. 5, 12, 19, supliez amyuzing, amaizing, and (rairli) instructiv mater in its corespondens columz. We looc forwerd tu the publicai-shon ov the booc on elocuyshon promist bi "The Rieter ov 'Prezent-dai Critisizm.'"

In *Vanity Fair*, Des. 11, "R.W.," in a colum ov sarcasm about "desecrait-ing the dicshonari," iedentifiz our langwij with its speling. It recwierz aul the intrepiditi ov ignorans tu maintain this atityud. The Secretari S.S.S. repliez conclusivli on Des. 18.

In the *Bookseller*, Des. 14, "Jacob Omnium" returnz tu the charj. Whot a faital fasaiaishon S.S. haz for him! The *Globe*, Des. 19, cwoets hiz wurdz; so duu the *Portsmouth Evening News*, Des. 23, and the *Notting-ham Express*, Des. 26. In the *Globe*, Des. 26, the Secretari S.S.S. ecspresez regret that the *Globe* shoold hav cwoeted "J.O."

A leter bi "B. Abel," apairentli ment az an atac on S.S., apeerd in the *Hastings Observer*, Des. 21, and a hostiel leter, siend "Joseph Turner," in the *Lancashire Daily Post* on the saim dai. The later aascs: "Hou meni real edyucaishonists ar prepaired tu adopt the Yankee speling yuzd in hiz inimitabl hyumorus wai bi Artemus Ward?"

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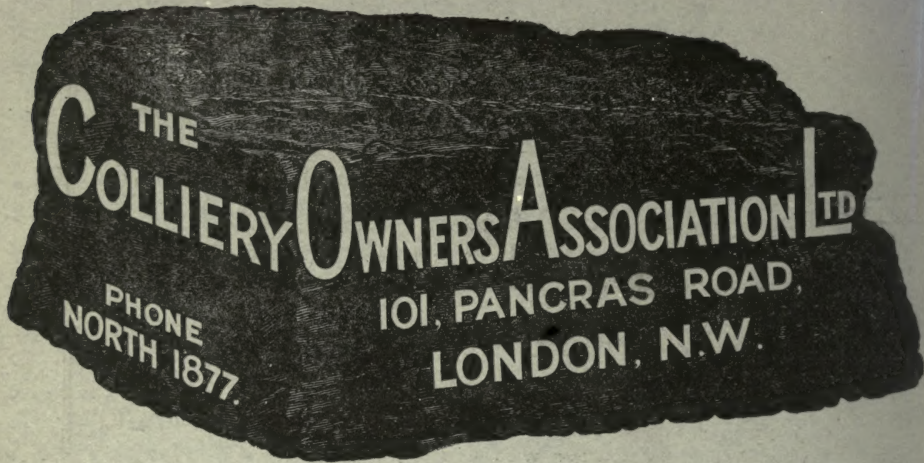
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