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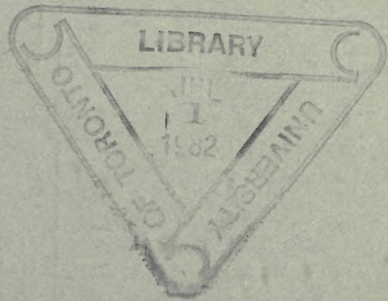
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### DUU YUR BEST.

**O**UR membership haz nou reecht neerli fifteen hundred—a rezult which iz veri gratifing. We hav maid a good start. Much remainz tu be dun.

We aut tu hav fiev thousand memberz bi the end ov the yeer. We can atain that number if yu wil help.

Hav yu dun sumthing tu help the cauz ov rashonal speling ?

Yu beleev in it yurself—hou meni hav yu wun oever ? Yu wish our muuvment suces ; ar yu meerli wishing, not duing ?

We miet hav cloes on fiev thousand memberz in a munth if everi member obtaind tuu nyu wunz. That shood not be dificult. It iz eezi tu convins intelijent men and wimen. Moest peopl hav never seeriusli thaut about the cwestion. It iz yur dyuti tu tauc tu them about the advaantijez ov a rashonal speling.

Thai wil urj the yuzhyual objecshonz. We noe them aul. Riet tu the Secretari (44 Great Russell Street, London, W.C.) and he wil suplie yu with literatyur. We hav aanserz tu aul the comon objecshonz, in printed form—boeth in the oeld and in the simplified speling.

If in yur atacs on indiferens and prejoodis yu fiend weec points in yur armor, strengthen them. Lurn sumthing about the histori ov the convenshonal speling—yur opoenents ar ignorant ov it, or els thai wood not opoez.

Lurn sumthing about the soundz ov the muther tung. Studi yur oen speech and that ov uther edyucaited peopl. Pai atenshon tu loecal dialects. In fiev yeerz' tiem the teecher ov English hu noez no fonetics wil be a cyurius servieval ; in fifteen yeerz' tiem no chield wil leev scuul without having lurnt tu yuz standerd speech.

Consider the speling ov THE PIONEER ; duz it in surtin deetailz difer from yur oen speech? Let us heer about it; but aulwaiz distingwish whot yu (and uther edyucaited peepl liec yu) reali sai, and whot yu thinc wun aut tu sai. Be cairful tu estimait whether yu ar aluing the convenshonal speling tu infloens yur iedeaz about the spoecen langwij. Duu yu pronouns the *d* in "handkerchief," the *t* in "castle, often, glisten," the *p* in "cupboard, raspberry, empty," and hou duu yu pronouns the *s* in "gooseberry, houses, news, newspaper"? Thair ar hundredz ov cwestionz liec theez yu mai aasc yurself, and wil be the beter for aascing.

Duu not rest content with reeding our speling: riet it. Yu wil fiend it ful ov interest az an ecsersiez. Let yur pyupilz reed it and riet it; thai wil lurn much that iz valyuabl.

Yuz it in yur prievait corespondens, and never miend if at furst yu maic slips. Enithing iz beter than the present speling. Rijid yuniformiti iz ov secundari importans. If yu doen't liec "aanser," spel it "anser." The esenshal thing iz that yu shood shoe az meni peepl az posibl that yu, an edyucaited man or wooman, hav caast doun the iedol, that for yu the oeld speling haz no glamor, that yu denie its fansid claimz tu respect.

Join activli in the campain. Let yur wochwurd be: Cleer speech and cleen speling! We hav maid a good start, and if we aul duu our best we shal suun render our langwij byutiful and urn the gratiyud ov countles jeneraishonz.

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## SIMPLIFIED SPELING IN AMERICA.

THE Simplified Speling Bord ov America haz just isyud its "Forth List ov Simplified Spelingz." From the copi we hav reseevd we taic the breef histori ov preevius lists. The furst (the faimus Thre Hundred Wurdz) woz publisht in 1906. It woz a selecshon ov simpler formz aulredi in good yus, with the authoriti ov the thre prinsipal American dicshonariz behiend them. The Second List (Janyuari 28, 1908) containd a number ov spelingz that miet be cauld "inovaishonz." But the formz wer strictli in acord with egzisting ruulz and analogiz ov English speling, and wer for the moest part restoraishonz ov simplificaishonz formerli in hie literari yus.

The wied acseptans ov the Thre Hundred Wurdz and ov the Second List maid it dezierabl tu publish a mor ecstensiv list, in-

cluding claaez ov wurdz in which regyulaishon woz much de-  
maanded and cood not be defurd. The Thurd List caim intu being,  
thairfor, on Janyuari 25, 1909. The thre lists wer poot together in  
wun Alfabetic List and publisht March 6, 1909.

Bi the Forth List sum strיעing chainjez ar maid—"draught,  
laugh, laughter," etc., becum "draft, laf, lafter," etc.; the inishal g  
in wurdz ov the "gnat" claaez iz dropt—but, for the moest part, az  
the proëm ov the Ecsecyutiv Comiti sez, thai ar chainjez that moest  
pursonz hav recogniezd az at leest theoreticali dezierbar.

An apeel iz maid tu consider raather the simplisiti, economi,  
regyulariti, and reezon which ar behiend the chainjez, than tu be  
ofended bi the od apeerans. "In publishing this Forth List, the  
Simplified Speling Bord and its Adviezori Council, and the meni  
thouzand profesorz, teechez, syuperintendents, clurjimen, lauyez,  
fizishanz, and uther suporterz for humm thai speec, declair thair  
dezier tubring about an impruuvment in English speling, in this  
wai, in theez wurdz, heer and nou. Meni ov theez infloenshal  
pursonz wil be yuzing theez nyu spelingz the rest ov thair lievz."

In the List the simplificaishonz aulredi adopted bi our Sosti ar  
indicaited bi the leterz "S.S.S." We regret we hav not spais tu set  
forth mor than a fyu spesimen wurdz from the List, but we sinseerli  
congratyulait our American frendz on this eceslent step forwerd.

In wurdz ov the "barrack" tiep whair *-ck* iz pronounst *c*, aafter  
an unstrest vouel, the *k* iz tu be dropt, foloing the fashon ov our  
forbairz, hu roet "almanac," etc. *H* iz tu be dropt from *ch* wurdz—  
*e.g.* "cord" for "chord," and so on. "Blew," and similar wurdz,  
becumz "blu"; az for the inflecshonz: (1) *-ewed* becumz *-ued*;  
(2) *-ews* becumz *-ues*—"brues," etc. *E* iz dropt from wurdz which  
contain *-ey* unstrest, and pronounst liec short fienal *-y*—*e.g.* "jurny"  
for "journey." Wurdz ov tu *l'z* aafter a short strest vouel—"bell,  
doll," etc.—nou luuz an *l*. It iz ecsplained that wurdz ov this claaez  
wer wuns *normali* speld with singl *-l*. But becauz ov the grait  
freecwensi ov *ll* in French and in Latin, it woz aulwaiz freecwent in  
English, and it fienali prevaield oever the normal English speling *-l*.  
The sufics *-ous* iz redyust tu *-us*; *-ow* pronounst liec *o*, long (*o*) or  
short (*o*), tu *-o*—*e.g.* "blow" tu "blo," "billow" tu "billo," etc.  
The sufics *-some*, when pronounst liec *-sum*, iz so riten; the silent *h*  
in "rhetoric" and uther wurdz iz dropt; the *w* iz decapitaied from  
"wrap" and cindred wurdz; but theez ar oenli a fyu ov the tipical  
chainjez in a moest important and suestiv list which bringz intu  
cloeser agreement the tuu sosti which the Atlantic dividz.

## SIMPLIFIED SPELING IN THE CLAASROOM.

[Mr. Percy W. Long, ov Harvard Yunivursiti, Secretari ov the American Dialect Sosieti, haz ciendli sent us this articl, which we hav transcriebd intu S.S., acording tu our yuzhyual practis, and at hiz recwest.]

**W**UN feetyur ov the publicaishonz ov the Simplified Speling Sosieti which haz freecwentli pruuvd interesting tu me az an American iz its testimoni tu surtin diferensez between its speech and that which I am acustomd tu heer in the north-eestern Yuniated Staits. Thus, tu cwoet from the oepening lienz ov *The Star*: "It woz on the furst dai ov the nyu yeer that the anounsment woz maid, aulmoest simultainiusli from thre obzurvatoriz . . ." Normali, I thinc, a Bostonian wood sai "wuz, uv, nuu, siemultainiusli, three, and frum." We mor freecwentli yuz **strest** "tuu" (whair **THE PIONEER** yuzez **unstrest** "tu") befor the infinitiv. We sai "sugjest," not "sujest"; "pasing," not "paasing"; "anser," not "aanser" (if I mai ignor "scuulmarmz"); and aulwaiz "esthetic, esthetisizm" raather than "eesthetic, eesthetisizm."

[It mai be wel tu point out parentheticali that "wuz, uv, frum"—in which *u* reprezents the voecal murmer—iz our pronunsiashon **tuu**, in **unstrest** silablz. In the cais ov wurdz which hav strong az wel az weec formz, it iz our practis tu spel them yuniformali acording tu the soundz ov the strong formz. Bi "thre" we meen "three"; it iz meerli a shortening for economi, az in "be, we, me." "Pasing" and "anser" ar comon in sum parts ov England, az our corespondents freecwentli remiend us; but in cairful public speeing it iz not hurd, tho sum prodyus a sound haafwai between *a* and *aa*, which sum teecherz ov elocychon recomend.]

This list iz pyurli cazyual, and I ofer it but az an indicaishon ov the wai in which Simplified Speling maics for a baxis ov considering the standerdiezaishon ov speech. I thinc it miet profitabli be yuzd for this purpos in the claasruum, and regard such yus ov it az an entering wej which miet efectivli and without reproech be emploid bi memberz ov the Sosieti. Surtinli no simpler alfabet oferz for elementari wurc in fonetics.

Thus it shood pruuvd interesting and instructiv tu a claas engaijd eeven insidental in studiing the histori ov the English langwij tu reed a breef seerieez ov pasijez in Simplified Speling, choezen from such authorz az Chaucer, Shakespeare, Pope, and Wordsworth—and perhaps aulso from Malory, Bacon, Swift, and Thackeray—so



riten az tu represent the historical pronunsiashonz. Fyu teecherz nou cair tu indicait this important faiz ov the development ov langwij further than tu stait the fact mor or les cazyuali: such a pamflet wood render the ecersiez not oenli mor presies and mor yunivursali aplicabl, it wood plais the facts cleerli and permanentli befor the styudent.

Ov much wieder aplicaishon iz the posibl yus ov Simplified Speling az an aid in teeching the standerdiezaishon ov speech. Aafter the aij ov claasroom instrucshon orali wurd bi wurd az the styudent chaansez tu mispronouns, corecshonz ocur les and les freecwentli; and the erorz ariezing from infloensiez outsied the claasroom recwier sum efectiv chec. The lists ov wurdz deziend heer for this purpos—hou flat and teedius thai ar! But miet not pasijez ov instructiv reeding selected or compoezd so az tu includ theez veri wurdz at wuns instruct and insidental corect seeriusli folti pronunsiashon? The ie iz inevitabli arested bi the speling which duz not acord with the sound.

In America, at leest, I thinc thair wood be a further interest in pamflets dezienedli ilustraiteing diferensez in English az it iz nou spoecen in England, America, South Africa, India, and Australia; and I am incliend tu thinc that ilustraishonz ov prominent dialects wood pruv an acseptabl adishon. Cwestionz consurning pronunsiashon yuzhyuali evoec interest in our claasez. Our styudents ceenli relish evidens ov provinshalizm in thair claasmaits. And the yus ov such a pamflet iz defensibl az a disiplin in the apreesiaishon ov literatyur, prepairing the styudent tu recogniez in authorz thair corect or folti portraial ov speech characteristics.

From the point ov vvu ov speling reform I can see from such yusez a distinct advaantij in the braicing down ov much opozishon which ariezez soelli from ignorans ov the advaantijez ov fonetic speling and from prejoedis against the looc ov a thing becauz it iz unfamiliar. Thair miet reezonabli be opozishon tu eni yus ov such tecsts dyuring the peeriod in which the chield iz being taut our dicshonari spelings. But this peeriod mai be regarded az for practical purposez paast when the styudent haz reecht hiz teenz. No dout meni teecherz wil heer suspect a woolf in sheep's clothing. But utherz, it mai be hoept, tho thai wood shrinc from adopting Simplified Speling for ordinari yus, wil consent thus tu familiariez themselvz and thair claasez with the sitem. It iz but the yus ov rashonaliezd speling which we yunivursali maic when we consult the indicaishonz ov pronunsiashon in our dicshonariz.

## A PRIEZ FOR A TIETL.

**D**YURING the yeer the best esaiz reseed in the reesent competishon on "The Edyucaishonal Advantijez ov Simplified Speling" wil be publisht in booc form. A priez ov a gini iz oferd for the hapiest sujestion ov a tietyl for this volyum ov esaiz. Riet the propoezd tietyl on a poest-card, with naim and adres, and send tu the Secretari S.S.S., 44 Great Russell Street, London, W.C., so az tu reech him on or befor the laast dai ov Aipril.

## LOECOMOESHON : FURTHER PARALELZ.

**L**AAST munth we gair a stricing pictyur ov the opozishon leveld against the introducshon ov gas lieting. The foloing further paralelz ar interesting—and amyzing. Tiem haz a wai ov meeting out a Nemesis ov laafter tu thoez hu bliendli opeezd reform. Thair iz a stori ov a Somerset farmer hu wood hav nuthing tu duu with the electric liet—becauz "the Lord gair darcnes, and it woz temting providens tu maic it les"! In meni miendz the oeld ieeda prevailz that the curent speling iz eecwali heven-sent, and tu seec tu reform it iz tu waij wor with the godz.

In hiz *Lief of George Stephenson* Dr. Smiles sez: "Pamflets wer riten and nyuspaiperz wer hierd tu reviel the railwai. It woz declaird that its formaishon wood prevent couz graizing and henz laiing. The poizond air from the loecomoetivz wood cil burdz az thai fluu oever them, and render the prezervaishon ov fezants and focsez no longer posibl. Houshoelderz ajoining the projected lien wer toeld that thair houzez wood be burnt up bi the fier throen from the enjin chimniz, whiel the air around wood be poluted bi cloudz ov smoec. Thair wood no longer be eni yus for horsez, and, if railwaiz ecstended, the speeshiz wood becum ecstingwisht and oets and hai unsailabl comoditiz. Traveling bi roed wood be ruind. Boilerz wood burst and bloe pasenjerz tu atomz. But thair woz aulwaiz this consolaishon tu wiend up with—that the wait ov the loecomoetiv wood compleetli prevent its muuving, and the railwaiz, if maid, cood never be wurct bi steem pouer!"

Even William Brougham, hu woz counsel for the promoeterz, bluntli toeld George Stephenson, at wun ov the preliminari consultaishonz, that if he boested so much about the speed ov hiz enjin befor the Comiti, he wood "inevitabli dam the hoel thing, and be himself regarded az a mainiac fit for Bedlam."

Laast sumer the sentenari ov Bell, inventor ov steemships, woz selebraited on the Clyde. The "Glasgow Herald" publisht an oeld leter, riten bi a clurjiman about 1820, from which we ectract the foloing: "In a vilij ajaisent tu that siti, the smoec ov huuz abominaishonz goeth up tu Heven az a thic cloud, and ov huuz wicednes yursel woz witnes in our daiz at the Colej thair—in Helensburgh, tu wit—thair dwelt a man ov scil in the art ov Enjineer. He being puft up with pried ov hiz abilitiz thairin did laitli Conseev a Ship tu goe upon the wauterz, not bi dint ov the Cleen Windz ov the Air az ordaind bi God, but bi meenz ov fier which isyud from the bouelz thairov. In this Devies the Man did sail upon the wauterz ov the River Clyde in Pried and hienes ov Hart, tu the grait scandal ov pius miendz, but aulso tu the Hyuj Gratificaishon ov the Man and thoez hu wer with him. But, not content tu ceep hiz Unluci Deviesez in theseen ov thair Consepshon, this Man must needz sail or propel hiz Creetyur eeven untu Grinan itself, neer tu which plais yur Servant laiborz in the Gospel boeth in the Gaelic and English. And so tu Fort-William, with much efyuzhon ov stincing vaipor and grait hurt tu the liec-miended ov this Congregaishon and ov the Christian Consens ov the Peepl ov Argyll, the Isles, and eeven Inverness."

Theez transcripts tel thair oen tail.

## THE BORD OV EDYUCAISHON AND SPELING.

**P**ERMISHON tu yuz fonetic tecsts in teeching reeding tu Standerdz I in priëmari scuulz woz given bi the Bord ov Edyucaishon in 1893. The indivyduel egzaminaishon bi H.M. Inspectorz ov children atending theez scuulz haz nou seest, and with it the spesific purpos for which permishon tu yuz fonetic tecsts woz given. The Bord no longer prescrieb eni yuniform curicyulum; the responsibiliti rests priemarili with the Loecal Edyucaishon Authoritiz. We hav the hiëst authoriti for staiting that shood eni Loecal Edyucaishon Authoriti wish tu introdyus eni reformz in spelintu the curicyulum ov its scuulz, the propoezal wood hav the Bord'z cairful consideraishon. On the ground ov impruuving pronunsiashon in the scuulz, if for nuthing els, a Loecal Authoriti miet wel begin an ecsperiment with our sceem.

## PRONUNSIASHON PROBLEMZ.

## UR AND ER.

**I**N our laast number (paj 41) we gavi a number ov wurdz in which the oeld speling haz *er*, *err*, *erre*, *ear*, *ir*, *irre*, *or*, *ur*, *urre*, for aul ov which we riet *ur* in S.S.

Mr. J. Blaikie sendz us the foloing leter :—

" I wish tu riet tu protest in the strongest posibl termz agenst the speling *ur* whair the sound iz *er* acording tu the yusaj ov edyucaited peepl in everi part ov the British relm and dependensiz eccept a part ov London and the South ov England. It seemz tu me tu spel 'refer' *r-e-f-u-r* iz tu encuraij a sluvenci mistaic in pronunsiashon. If the *fur* on mi coet-sleevz iz fraid, I send it tu be *refurd*. I certainli prefer tu spel : 'refer aver, er, gerdl, herd, deter, fern, cernel, lern, disern, stern, yern, erth, berth, derth, gerth, merth, hers, dispers, ters, vers, berch, perch, serch, erl, erli, gerl, perl' ('purl' iz cwiet anuther thing); and it seemz tu me that the graitest posibl hindrans tu the speling reform cumz from the atemt tu impoez suthern mispronunsiashonz on the inhabitants ov Scotland, Ireland, and the North ov England, hu hav retaind the corect pronunsiashon."

Nou let us turn tu the historiaz ov the langwij, and see hou thai record the facts.

Sweet, in hiz *New English Grammar*, Part I, § 868, sez : " In Second Modern English (*i.e.*, seventeenth sentyuri) *er*, *ir*, *ur* caim tu be leveld under (əɾ) or (ɛɾ), az in 'her, bird, fur, turn.' Laiter (əɾ) paast intu (ə) —*i.e.*, long (ə), which we riet *ur* in S.S.

Skeat, in hiz *Principles of English Etymology*, Second Series, § 59 (4), sez : " The tril [r] iz comonli lost when r iz foloed bi a consonant or nou endz a wurd. In such a cais the regyular development iz intu the obscur sound (ə), az in 'herd, bird, surd.' "

Jespersen, in hiz *Modern English Grammar*, deelz in deetail with the prezent coalesens ov *ir* in "birth" ("myrtle"), ov *ur* in "cur" ("word, journey"), and ov *er* in "herd" ("heard, earl"). The first tuu becam idetical from about 1600, but wer for sum tiem cept apart from the thurd, tho the soundz

tended tordz confyuzhon at an urlı dait. Shakespeare riemz "first—accurst, stir—incur," whiel er and *ur* duu not az a ruul riem together. From Gabrielson, *Rime as a Criterion of the Pronunciation of Spenser, Pope, Byron, and Swinburne*, we lurn that Pope riemz "birth—earth, first—worst, learn—turn, earth—worth"; Byron: "bird—heard, girl—earl, third—absurd, erred—absurd, early—surly, earn—burn, verse—curse, earth—worth, girl—pearl—curl, mirth—earth—worth; Swinburne: "girl—pearl—curl, first—wurst, term—worm, fern—burn, verge—surge."

We turn tu wurcs which reprezent speech not yuzhyuali dezignait az standerd English. Lloyd, in hiz *Northern English*, yuzez the saim sien tu indicait the italisiezd part ov "earth, mercy, concern, converse, refer, first, thirst, word, worship, church, nurture."

A referens tu Wright's *English Dialect Grammar* shoez that meni pronunsiashon ov the soundz in cwestion ar tu be found. Thus the *ear* ov "earth" iz pronounst in sum forti waiz in the British Ielz; but this incluudz "unedyucaited" speech.

Grant, in hiz reesentli publisht *Pronunciation of English in Scotland*, sez that moest Scottish speecerz stil yuz the mid-frunt lacs vouel (similar tu *a* in "Mary") befor *r* or *r* + consonant, as in "confer, fern"; uthertz yuz a vouel intermeediait between that and (ə).

Tu the abuv evidens mai be aded the practis ov our actorz and ov public speecerz jenerali, hu (we beleev) rairli giv tu such wurdz az "fern, refer" the pronunsiashon prefurd (or prefaired) bi Mr. Blaikie, and descriebd bi him az aulmoest yunivursal (or yunivairsal) among edyucaited speecerz in the British relm. We ar incliend tu beleev that, in point ov fact, a veri smaul mienoriti yuz this pronunsiashon; and we hav hurd a number ov speecerz orijinali hailing from Scotland hu hav given it up. Az for the "dependensiz," it iz nyu tu us that the Scottish pronunsiashon iz jeneral thair.

#### UNSTREST SILABLZ.

Mr. Lewis Thompson riets:

"It iz beter tu be reproecht az pedantic, or arcaic, or even afected, than tu be sluvenci in speech. Aimen tu Mr. S. O'Dwyer [laast number, paj 35, footnoet]—mor pouer tu hiz elboe; hiz naim sjuets the Emerald Iel: we noe that good English iz spoecen thair—a 'halfpenny' iz cauld a 'half-penny,' not a 'haipni,' az it iz on this sied ov St. George's Chanel . . . If yu and I wer tu meet, yu wood probabli fiend that I mieself sai 'langwij' or 'langwej.' Doutles I fiend the saim dificulti that puur Mr. Bridges did [laast number, paj 36] in living up tu mi idealz. But duu not let uz wontonli destroi idealz. Let us recogniez that the wurd reali iz 'languāge.'"

Iz thair no goolden meen? Must we be iether pedantic or sluvenci? And whot iz the good ov an ideali if we ar content tu preech and refrain from practising? Laastli: iz it reali "languāge"?

It yust tu be, in Midl English, "language" with the second silabl pronounst az in French. The *u* crept in becauz it ocurz in Latin *lingua*: aafter a tiem it caim tu be pronounst. It woz az much a pedantri az the *b* in "debt" or the *c* in "perfect." Everibodi nou pronounsez the *u*. The form without *u* is recorded az servieging so lait az 1701.

But whot about the *-age*?

The authorz ov the *Concise Oxford Dictionary* (aulso authorz ov *The King's English*) sai: "The plezant ficshon that 'cottage' iz pronounst 'kötāj,' tho stil prevalent in dicshonariz, haz perhaps never deseemd eniwun"; and thai descrieb it az a rezult ov the undyu infloovens ov speling.

"Language," liec "image" and "carriage," wuns had the acsent on the second silabl. When it woz shifted tu the furst, the vouel ov the second silabl woz redyust. This iz entierli in acordans with the normal development ov English; similarli "bataile" haz becum "batl," and "vicaire" "vicar." Whether enibodi in the paast ever pronounst "langwaj" iz doubtful; but if we asyum this form and adopt it, thair iz just az much reezon for returning tu "batail."

Az suun az the speling iz divorst from the spoecen langwij it tendz tu afect the later advursli. It shood record soundz, not creait them or chainj them. A fonetic speling haz a consurvativ tendensi; a speling liec ourz fasilitaits chainj. "Langwij" or "langweij" iz az satisfactori a development az "batl"; edyucaited speecerz redyus the vouel ov the second silabl, and it seemz tu us no gain whot-ever tu the langwij tu introdyus a form that never woz, simpli becauz in our rechd speling "age," which wuns spelt *aa*j, nou aulso spelz *ai*j, in strest silablz.

If a considerabl number ov edyucaited speecerz hav adopted "langwaj" in thair oen speech, it wil be a diferent mater: at prezent even Mr. Bridges and Mr. Thompson ar content (and wiezli) with the pronunsiation comon among edyucaited speecerz, which can on that acount not be cauld sluvenli.

"E.L.P." riets:

"Anent THE PIONEER'Z referens tu the 'Times' yus ov 'tire' for 'tyre,' hav yu noetist 'jewelry' in its columz, az in thoez ov the 'Nineteenth Century,' 'Daily News,' and uther peeriodicalz; aulso 'quartet,' 'quintet,' ets., tu march with 'duet'; and 'stanch' for 'staunch'—but whi not aulso 'lanch,' a speling yuzd bi Walter Scott, mor fonetic and neerer the French *lancer*?"

"'Program' and 'jail' ar nou in jeneral yus, and 'tho' iz comon in corespondens. Haz eni English jurnal the curij tu reviev the Oeld English 'plow,' emloid eweriwhar in America? Tu supperseed an oeld and fonetic speling bi wun clamzier and unfonetic, huuz oenli sancshon iz tu recaul a long ecstinct gutral sound, seemz an unaccountabl pees ov foli."

We print this later under "Pronunsiation Problemz" becauz it raizez the cwestion ov the *-aun-* wurdz. "E.L.P." pronounsez "launch" and "staunch" with the saim vouel az "aunt." The jeneral tendensi among edyucaited speecerz apeerz tu be tu giv aul theez wurdz (ecsept "aunt") the sound ov *au*, not ov *aa*. Our reederz mai be interested in deturmining thair oen pronunsiation ov "daunt, gaunt, gauntlet, haunch, haunt, jaundice, jaunt, laundry, paunch."

"THE pronunsiation ov 'centenary' shood be deturmind bi the analoji ov English wurdz ov a similar formaishon. Thair iz no ruul ov mor jeneral aplicashon than that wurdz ov for silablz ending in *-ary, -ory*, throe the ascent bac tu the furst silabl, az in 'necessary, tributary,' ets. The ruul duz not hoeld in caizez liec 'infirmary, satisfactory,' ets., whair the stres must nesesarili lie on the ruut silabl. I hav hurd ov a wel-noen public man [Lord Rosebery] speeing ov 'senteenari,' but I thinc veri fyu pursonz pronouns it in this wai. The custom seemz tu be iether 'céntenary' or 'centénary.' It wil, no dout, gradyuali taic its plais with aul uther wurdz ending in *-ary*, ov which we hav about 300, and neerli 200 ending in *-ory*."—SUR ISAAC PITMAN.

"Yesterdai Mr. Brodrick cauld on me. Among uther thingz pertaining tu S.S. we discust the speling ov 'figer' az comented on the furst paj ov the March PIONEER. Boeth he and I agree that the speling shood be 'figer,' and not 'figyur.' In this district wun never heerz eni pronunsiation uther than 'figer.'"—W. J. SHIELD, our Loecal Corespondent for Liverpool.

We duu not beleev thair iz eni district in Grait Britain whair peepel pronouns "figyur." The *Concise Oxford Dictionary* givz "figer" az the oenli pronunsiation. In the south ov the Yunieted Staits thair iz stil tu be found the palataliezd *c* and *g* in such wurdz az "cyard, gyied" ["guide"], but it iz diing out. "Figyer" iz aulso sed bi sum Americanz. The wurd so pronounst by indivyual English peepel iz probabli a servieal ov meni comon palataliezaishonz ov *c* and *g*, suported perhaps bi the atemt tu speec acording tu the speling *-ure*. This tendensi tu palataliez *c* and *g* befor frunt vouelz manifests itself in the seventeenth sentyuri, iz freecwentli menshond bi gramairianz in the aiteenth, and disapeerz in the nienteenth. Hill, in hiz *Lecture on the Articulations of Speech* (1821), stil givz *cy (ky)*, *gy* az the pronunsiation ov the inishal ov "gap, card, guard, kept, care, gain, gay, get." In the *Comic English Grammar* ov 1840 it iz staited that "theatrical dandiz caul *sky 'ske-eye*.'" In "girl" this palataliezd *g* persisted a long tiem.

## NOETS AND NYUZ.

## The membership of the Sosiety nou numberz 1490.

MR. E. PRENTISS BAILEY, an American nyuspaiper editor huuz deth woz reesentli reported, woz repyuted tu spair no painz in licing "cub reporterz" intu shaip. In the cais ov wun nyu member ov hiz staaf he sientli reviezd hiz speling until at laast a bach ov "copi" sent in containd an eror tuu outraijus tu be paast oever without coment. "O," sed the editor, turning reproechfuli tu the lad, "hou *duu* yu spel 'income'?" "Whi, hou hav I got it, Mr. Bailey?" "Heer it iz—'i-n-c-u-m.'" "O, I forgot the *b*, didn't I?"

WUN ov the finest speechez maid in suport ov speling reform caim at the cloez ov a lectyur on the subject befor the Stretford teecherz. A yung maaster sed wun ov hiz scolarz had dun a briliant "compozishon" that dai. Ten yeerz agoe it wud hav been flung intu the w.p.b., becauz ov speling mistaics. That iz, corect speling woz prefurd tu good thincing and cleer ecspreshon! "Wun reezon, I beleev, whi our children ar sumtiemz so absoluutli wooden iz the styupidnes ov the speling thai ar taut. Thai must not thinc for themselvz, or thai goe astrai." Theez wurdz cum direct from the claas-room.

AT a meeting in Chesterfield a hed maaster confest that the oenli fair wai tu marc "compozishon" woz tu be bliend tu spelingz. "Let the chield get up and reed out whot it haz riten. Then yu can form jst jujment." In uthr wurdz, it iz the sens that materz, az Mr. Yellowplush just tu sai.

"YUR admirabl sceem, **which iz shuur tu cum.**" This significant fragment iz taicen from a leter riten bi a wel noen publisher. He haz taicen a speshal interest in the teeching ov speling in public elementari scuulz, and that iz hiz vurdict. The convicshon that reform iz bound tu cum beginz tu setl deep upon the public miend.

WE hav reseevd from Nova Scotia a copi ov the Fienal Report ov the Comiti tu the Provinshal Eduyucaishon Asoesiaishon. Surtin simplified formz ar yuzd thruout: "prolog, catalog," etc.; "hight, favor"; "purpos, traveler"; and uthertz. **It iz maid part ov a teecher'z dyuti tu ecsplain tu claasez hou a simpl rashonal speling wud promoet edyucaishon.** This iz an advaanst step, but a wiez wun. It seemz tu us much beter francli tu tel the chield that the speling which authoriti compelz it tu yuz haz no uthr mandait, and that he mai taic hiz part in aafter lief in creating a nyu and enlietend authoriti. That iz mor edyucaishonal than a dril in the darc.

RIETING from the uthr sied ov the Atlantic, a frend ov rashonal speling sez: "It amaizez the American and Canadian reformer tu see the number ov pres noetisez yur ecstreem S.S. reseevz. In Canada we hav thre ov the veri best nyuspaiperz—'Toronto Globe,' 'Montreal Witness,' 'Toronto World'—and sum mienor jurnalz, suporting the muvment bi wurdz ov encurijment, but veri fyu admit eni simplificaishonz, eeven ov the miel dord propozed bi the S.S. Bord. In the Yunieted Staits the nyuspaiper pres iz iether indiferent or antagonistic, but intu a fyu ov the best periodicalz a fyu simplificaishonz ar creeping—noetabli. ov lait, intu the "Independent," ov New York. In the Midl West the Yunivursitiz ar lending a raather frendli eer. Laitli, the Yunivursiti ov Illinois (sum fiev thousand styudents) and the Millihen Yunivursiti hav desieded tu yuz aulmoest aul ov the furst list ov 300 simplificaishonz." This iz a grait step forward. The pres wil foloe in the waic ov the Yunivursitiz.

FROM the "Church Abroad" for March we taic this fragment: "Wuns a Japanese gurl sed tu me, 'Thair ar tuu thingz in the wurld that I haic: thai ar

snaics and English speling ; but **English speling iz wurs than snaics.**" And again : "The egzaminaishon that aul Japanese children ar moest afraid ov iz the English langwij egzaminaishon." The snaics ov speling ar thair.

"ENGLISH iz nou spoecen bi about 125,000,000 peepl. A sentyuri agoe it woz spoecen bi 20,000,000 peepl oenli. Dyuring that peeriid no uther leeding European langwij haz maid the slietest advaans." Graanted a revizhon ov speling, wood not the progres ov our tung be swifter stil? In the wurdz ov James Howell : "He duth hiz naitiv tung a good ofis hu fiendz a wai tu spred her abraud and maic her beter noen tu the world."

"ACCOMADATION FOR CYCLISTS." The noetis cuverd a waul neer the vilij scuul. Complaint woz maid bi the domini, and the painter tried again. He gaiv a dubl *m* tu "accommodation"—Robert Louis Stevenson woz never shuur whether wun or tuu—but left the *a*, and this vaast pees ov mis-speling stil peeps in at the scuul windoe.

THE prinsipal meetingz in conecshon with the Pitman Sentenari wil be held in London in the thurd weec ov Mai. Sur Albert K. Rollit wil prezied at the meeting ov the Cripplegate Instityut. On Saterdai, Mai 24, a speshal aul-dai escurschon tu Bath haz been arainjd. Vizitorz wil be conducted tu plaisez ov interest in Sur Isaac's siti. Mr. E. A. Cope, the Sentenari Secretari, Selsdon Road, South Croydon, Surrey, wil giv further informaishon tu eni reeder ov THE PIONEER.

WE hav reseevd a copi ov the "Kurzschriftliche Mitteilungen," publisht in Hamburg. It containz a pleezing referens tu our eforts tu bring about a reform ov the "deplorabl speling ov English."

MASHEENERI mai bring tu paas whot the slugish miend delaiz. Mr. John B. Flowers, a yung electrical engineer ov Brooklyn, haz maid an atem tu prodyus a vois-operaited tieprieter, and haz cum neer tu suces. If the masheen ever gets into the marcet it wil duu much tordz the cauz ov simplified speling. The man hu iz acustomd tu seing hiz leterz and uther rietingz tiept foneticali wood suun lurn the advaantijez ov this form ov speling. Good luc tu Mr. Flowers! The aim ov siëns iz tu eliminait waist. Whi can not we begin bi stoping the leecij ov lief dyu tu the convenshonal speling? That demaandz no masheen saiv public opinion.

THE siëntific vista iz interesting. Another inventor iz at wurc upon a method ov recording fonetic soundz upon strips ov paiper, on a ciend ov "pianola" prinsipl. Theez strips ov paiper wil be fed into an automatic tieprieter, and the wurc wil be dun. The inventor asurts that in twenti yearz' tiem rieting as noen tudai wil be a rariti. A nyu speling wil hav groen from the ruinz ov the oeld.

WE ar glad tu poot an act ov curtesi on record. The Scholastic Trading Company, Bristol, haz veri ciendli agreed tu includ speling reform literatyr in parselz which ar being sent out tu scuulz in Cornwall. Iz this an urnest ov the dai when the hoel parsel wil be in that speling—and scuul "reederz" be richer in content thairbi?

THE "Yorkshire Post" reesentli printed a copi ov a liesens for egzemshon from Lenten flesh faasting graanted tu the Lord "Mayor" ov York in 1608. We giv a spesimen ov the cwaint speling :

"I . . . so farre as in me lyeth by these psents doe lycense the Honorable Christopher Consett, lorde maior of the Citie of Yorke my pishioner considering and well knowing the imbicillitie, weaknesse and unhealthfulness of the said Honorable the Lord Maior being very sickly and weake by reason of his dyvers and often infirmitities, for the bettr recovery of his health to eat fleshe during this season and tyme of Lent,

of his said sickness shall so long endure, otherwyse onely during the space of eight dayes next aftr the date hereof."  
 "Sovran" iz spelt "soveraigne" and "sovereigne," and "Christopher" iz aulso riten "Christofer."

"THE groeth ov whot iz eselent iz sloe"—but our list ov memberz iz faast giving the nai tu this truuth. Suuner than we deem we mai reech a strength ov 50,000. Mai we ad a wurd ov jentl remiender tu thoez memberz huuz subscriphonz wer dyu at the begining ov the yeer, but hu forgot tu maic a noet in thair diariz tu that efect? Literatyur for distribyushon mai be had in eni cwontiti from the Secretari. We wont tu plaant a seed ov liet in everi garden.

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We deepli regret tu record the deth ov Profesor DOWDEN, a distingwisht member ov this Sosieti. Hiz naim iz moest cloesli linct with Shakespearean criticizm. He woz a scolar-poët and a man ov braud simpathiz and a jentl hart.

## SPELING REFORM IN THE PRES.

THE tuu events ov the munth hav been Mr. E. B. Osborn's articl in the **Morning Post** (March 7), foloed bi corespondens prominentli plaist; and Mis Burstall's "Mesij" on Speling Reform in the "Woman Teacher's World" (March 19). Mr. E. B. Osborn sucseeded Andrew Lang on the staaf ov the "Morning Post." Hiz *causerie* woz delietfuli simpatetic and catholic in spirit. It iz hoept tu secyur permishon tu isyu it in pamflet form. "Enuf haz been sed," Mr. Osborn sumz up, "tu shoe that the speling reformerz hav a *prima facie* cais tu taic intu cort, and I for wun hoept thai wil get the Roial Comishon ov incwieri which thai dezier." As tu **Mis Burstall's** "Mesij" tu teecherz, it iz wun ov the moest convinsing staitments that haz been riten ov pursonal faith in rashonal speling, and everi member ov the Sosieti shood reed it. The Secretari wil be glad tu send a copi on reseet ov poestij ( $\frac{1}{2}$ d.). We wish we had spais tu cwoet the hoel articl—an inspiraishon—and not meerli the concluding wurdz:

We English, hie and loe, jentl and simpl, hav shaimfuli misyuzd our muther tung. We speec it wurs than our naiborz duu thairz; just az our speling iz mor irashonal than that ov eni uther wurd langwij. The tuu erorz goe together: reforming wun, we shal avoid the uther. We shal teech our boiz and gurlz whot the soundz ov English reali ar; thair delicasi, valyu, and fors. Thus wil our children lurn, thru reformd speling, hou thai shood plai upon that noeblest ov instroaments—the hyuman vois—thru the riet yus ov that misteerius gift ov langwij which iz the pecyuliar atribyut ov hyumaniti.

## PRES CUTINGZ CLASIFIED.

THE *Constitution Paper* for March sez: "But if, whiel speech chainjez, speling remainz ficut, the gulf between the tuu must be continyuali wiedeneng. In this liet, it wood seem cleer that speling reform must cum. We mai staiv it of for a tiem, but eventyuali the discord must becum unbairabl."

The *Toronto School Board and School Review*: "We ecspend on the speling much ov the tiem which cood utherwiez hav been given tu the jeneral developemnt ov our thincing pouerz."

ARTICLZ CONSURNING SPELING hav apeerd in the *Woman Teacher's World* ("Speling bi Draama"), Mar. 5; *Evening Citizen, Cork Constitution*, Mar. 7; *Wishaw Press and Advertiser, Glasgow Weekly Herald, Manchester City News*, Mar. 8; *Illustrated Clacton News and Visitors' List*, Mar. 11; the *North Middlesex Chronicle*, Mar. 18, *South Wales Daily News*, Mar. 21, print Prof. Rippmann's articl on "English az the Internashonal Langwij." *Warwick Times*, Mar. 1, and *Dufftown News and Speyside Advertiser*, Mar. 15, contain Denis Crane's articl on "The Peculiaritiz ov Coloenial Speech." *Financial News* advocaits the standardiezing ov English speling, Mar. 17; *Manchester Courier* cwoets from Mis Burstall's "Mesij" on speling reform, Mar. 22; *Wolverhampton Express and Star*, on "The Continyud and Satisfactori Proegres ov the Muuvment" (A. B. A.), Mar. 27.

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