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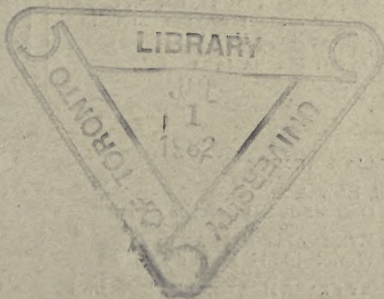
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ON LURNING TU REED.

“O! ecscyuz me, pleez,” sed Barney (on being invieted tu taic another lesen in reeding), “I hav had enuf ov ‘The fat cat sat upon a mat’ stori. I lurnt tu drier a moeter cwicer than I lurnt mi A B C.”

Our frend, Mr. Lauder, haz sent us this cuting from “Our Alma Mater,” the organ ov St. Ignatius Colej, Riverview, Sydney.

Can we blaim Barney? Can we blaim eeven yunger beginnerz than Barney if thai shoe litl interest in thair furst reeding boocs?

The chield cumz tu scuul with the pouer tu speec. Hiz vocabulari iz defectiv, hiz pronunsiashon ofen not good. It iz reezonabl tu begin bi impruuing theez az much az posibl, and we can acheev a grait deel in this direcshon befor the chield haz enithing tu duu with rieting and reeding.

Whair hoem surcumstanzes ar faivorabl, much mai be dun bi reeding tu the chield, encurijing it tu repeet storiz, and bi maicing shuur that thoez hu cum in contact with the chield speec cleerli and corectli. Then the chield wil lurn tu lisen and tu uter its soundz wel.

But meni children unfortyunaitli duu not enjoi theez advaantijez, and the scuul haz tu maic up for the defishensiz ov the hoem. That iz whot maics the urli teeching in our elementari scuulz ov such enormus importans for the naishon.

Yet we hav not paid enuf atenshon tu the problemz presented bi the spoecen langwij ov our litl children. Looc at the edyucaishonal manyualz studid bi the styudents ov our training colejez, looc at the regyulaishonz isyud bi the Bord ov Edyucaishon, and yu wil realiz hou litl giedans thai aford tu the styudent in this respect.

And hou iz it in practis? Insted ov obzurving the eceslent ruul ov deeling with wun difficulti at a tiem, we trie tu teech the pronunsiashon insidental at the saim tiem az its grafic reprezentaishon. The speling abzorbz moest ov the teecheer'z atenshon. Edyucaishonal handboocs actyuali worn teecheerz against leting the children pai atenshon tu the soundz ov thair speech.

Ov cors, this worning iz heeded oenli tu a limited degree. Mispronunsiashonz ar corected, tu be shuur in a sumwhot haphazard wai, and acording tu the teecheer'z ideaz ov whot iz corect speech.

Heer we ar again braut up against the problem ov standerd speech. If thair iz such a thing az a good English pronunsiashon, let us asertain it and giv it tu our teecheerz. Can we not lai down the best wai ov resieting good proez and poëtri? Shuurli thair ar peepl hu duu so tu our deliet and without suesting pedantic manerizimz or dialect pecyuliaritiz! If that iz the cais, let us record thair speech and maic it our model. This duz not meen that thair iz oenli wun wai ov resieting a poëm; thair iz plenti ov scoep for indivyual taist in the vairiaishonz ov pich, the rait ov speed, the plais and length ov pauzez. Whot we need tu deturmin iz the pronunsiashon ov the wurdz.

When the teecheer iz in conshus pozeshon ov the soundz ov hiz langwij he can direct the children tu prodyus them. Tu relie on meer imitaishon iz not enuf; that we hav lurnt from the teeching ov modern langwijez. It iz tiem that the teecheerz ov English tooc advaantij ov the ecspeeriens ov thair coleegz hu teech French or German. If we hav lurnt hou tu teech the pronunsiashon ov a forin langwij, whi shood we not adopt the saim prinsiplz in teeching the muther tung?

Befor long we shal regard it az an obvius dyuti ov the teecheer tu speec wel, and, when apointed tu a poest in a nyu district, tu maic himself thuroeli acwainted with the feetyurz ov the loecal speech. Probabli the hed maaster wil be aibl tu poot intu hiz handz a breek staitment ov theez, draun up bi the Edyucaishon Authoriti. Haz eni Edyucaishon Authoriti yet taicen this esenshal step?

(We hav not the spais heer tu deel with the valyu ov such recordz ov loecal speech. Thai wood paiv the wai for a wieder interest in dialect speech. In the uper formz the boiz and gurlz shood be introdyust tu dialect proez and poëtri, and thus becum fond ov thair loecal speech. We shal return tu this interesting subject.)

The teecher wil giv hiz pyupilz the pouer tu speec stander English, and this iz a mater ov grait consecwens. Meni utherwiewel wel traird boiz and gurlz hav been severeerli handicapt in their career becauz ov thair "provinshal" speech. Stil mor hav faild properli tu apreeshiait our splendid literatyur becauz thair hav never lurnt tu reed it aloud.

The chield hu can speec wel, huuz vocabyulari (tho nesesarili limited) iz sound, iz in a fit stait tu lurn tu riet and reed.

But rieting aulso recwierz sum preparaishon, az haz been admirabli shoen bi Dr. Montessori. We can not duu beter than refur tu her booc, which shood surtinli be in the handz ov everi teecher ov the yung. Thair we mai see hou simpli and natyurali the chield proseedz tu riet. It can riet corectli whotever it iz aibl tu pronouns corectli.

Yes—in Italian, whair the speling iz rashonal. Not a perfect reprezentaishon ov the soundz, but at eni rait a veri good wun; so that thair iz no need tu select wurdz cairfuli, acording tu the regyulariti ov thair speling.

This need ariezez in English, az we aul noe. Probabli the soundest method ov teeching reeding yuzd in our scuulz iz that ov Mis Dale. She haz performd with wunderful scil the ardyuus taasc ov prodyusing a sensibl tecst in spiet ov the enormus dificultiz ov our speling. Oenli wun hu haz incwierd with sum cair intu the cwestion can apreeshiait whot she haz dun. Yet eeven heer we can not fail tu be conshus ov the tramelz that hav feterd her. Her method iz sumtiemz condemd az being tuu complicated; but the complicaishon iz in the mater, not in the method. The spirit that pervaidz her wurc iz hoelli admirabl, and it haz dun untoeld good.

We noe that thair ar utherz hu prefur whot iz cauld the "looc-and-sai" method, and az long az we hav our present bad speling thair iz sumthing tu be sed for it. It iz the ciend ov method syutabl for Chinese; and in sum respects our speling iz liec that ov the Chinese langwij. Thair sienz represent wurdz. We hav an alfabet, which nominali consists ov sienz eech with a definit valyu. That iz a far beter meenz ov representing soundz, becauz thair ar veri meni wurdz, but oenli a limited number ov soundz, in eni langwij. Our speling, houeever, haz tu a larj ecstent surrenderd the advaantij ov pozesing an alfabet. A nolej ov the soundz duz not sufies tu convai a nolej ov the sienz tu be yuzd. In moest caisez we hav tu lurn that a particyular groep ov soundz iz represented bi a particyular groep ov sienz.

A surtin number ov wurdz ar rashonali spelt, and theez can be taut in a rashonal wai; but sum ov the moest comon wurdz ar sadli iregyular in thair speling. If we ar tu giv heed tu the soundz in our teeching we must ecsclud theez wurdz from the urlil lesonz. Meni a wurd that the chield haz yuzd in speech, cwiet corectli and for a long tiem, it can not riet. Nou when the tiem haz cum for the chield tu riet and reed, it aut tu be aibl without dificulti tu reprezent at leest the wurdz it pozesez. This the Italian chield can duu eezili; and the German, aulmoest eecwali wel.

The saim iz truu ov the reeding boocs. With a rashonal speling our children wud be aibl tu reed whotever thair cood sai, cwiet eezili. We cood plais befor them sumthing far mor interesting than the "fat cat upon the mat."

We hav desieded tu print, for ecspermental purposez, a litl volyum ov nurseri riemz in simplified speling. It wil be in a cleer tiep, welsyuted for the yus ov yung children. We inviet our reederz tu aplie for spesimen copiz; thair mai be wiling tu help in the ecsperment. It wil be a revelaishon tu them tu see hou cwicli children can riet and reed a sensibl speling. Laiter the children wil unfortyunaitli hav tu lurn the convenshonal speling; the teecher need not feer that thair wil sufer. Thair iz abundant evidens tu shoe that thoez hu start with a fonetic speling acwier the ordinari speling mor sucesfuli than thoez hu duu not.

PRONUNSHIAISHON PROBLEMZ.

MR. G. B. S. WATSON riets:

I am incliend tu thinc that thair shood be a distincshon between the demonstrativ partil "there" and the adverb ov plais "there." Thair iz a considerabl diferens between "Perhaps there are," with "there" unstrest, and "There he stands," with "there" strest. Wood "ther" for the former and "thair" for the later not be mor corect?

Surtinli it wood. But it iz convenient tu giv wurdz wun form oenli. In a strictli fonetic speling we shood diferenshiat in the speling the strong and weec formz ov meni wurdz. Whot iz truu ov "there" iz no les truu ov "has, had, have, was, shall, should, and, but," and meni uthertz. The oenli weec formz recogniezd in the convenshonal speling ar thoez riten 's, 'd, 'll, n't, for "has" or "is"; "had, would" or "should"; "shall" or "will"; "not." French haz long marct the distincshon between the strong formz *moi, toi, soi* and the weec *me, te, se*. German shoez surtin weec formz ov the articl (*ins = in das, zum = zu dem*). In meni caizez the reprezentaishon ov our weec formz wood neseditait the yus ov a sien for the voecal murmer which we unfortyunaitli duu not pozesez.

Mr. A. D. Wilde riets:—

Amung mienor objecshonz tu the sceem ov the S.S.S. thair retenshon ov *wh* in such wurdz az "when" seemz tu me ov sum importans. It iz,

I supoez, admited that the aspirut [*sic*]* iz compleetli dropt in the south, and the speling iz thairfor retaind in acordans with the pronunsiashon ov the north, whair the aspirut mai stil be hurd in ful blaast in "whiel, when, whair" and "whi." Az the aspiraited iz evidentli the oelder pronunsiashon, and thairfor, at leest in wun wai, the mor corect, I shoold maic no objecshon tu this, but be cwiet content tu leev the cweschun [*sic*] in the handz or mouthz ov the comiti, if oenli the speling truuli represented whot the Northmen sai. But I supoez that no wun contendz it duz so. Whot thai sai iz not "whiel" and "when," but "hwiel" and "hwen"; indeed, the tuu former seem tu me imposibl. Iz it, then, neseari or wiesz tu perpetyuait a mis-speling az irashonl [*sic*] az eni ov thoez which the S.S.S. so justli condem? *Wi* shoold we not riet *wot* we sai, leeving the Northmen, az indeed we must, tu riet "hwot, hwaat," or "what" thai chuuz? With such considerabl diferensez ov spoecen langwij, iz it reezonabl tu insist on compleet yuniformiti ov siet-speech? I meen, ov cors, print and rieting, but noe no fit wurd tu cuver boeth.

Until we hav deturmind whot iz standerd speech, thair must be sum latityud in the speling. We hav sed mor than wuns that huever duz not liec "aanser" iz free tu riet "anser." Similarli, if yu prefur "wot, wich, wen" in yur speech, bi aul meenz yuz it in yur speling.

If we hav retaind it, it iz becauz we ar inclind tu thinc that its yus iz again spreding and that it mai wel be regarded az corect in the standerd speech ov the fyutyur. Mr. Wilde haz sum simpatthi with this point ov vyu, but objects tu *wh* az a representaishon ov the sound, and regardz *hw* az mor satisfactori.

In Oeld English the speling woz *hw*; *wh* daits from the thurteenth sentyuri. The chainj tu the voist sound *w* iz furst menshond bi Jones in 1701: "'What, when,' etc., sounded 'wat, wen,' etc., bi sum." In the cors ov the laast tuu sentyuriz this pronunsiashon haz spred oever aul but the ecstreem north ov England. It iz not freecwent in America and rairli tu be found in Scotland or Ireland. (Mr. G. B. Shaw, in *John Bull's Other Island*, spelz "hwat, hwy," tu indicait the Irish pronunsiashon.)

Nou, this *wh* haz at leest tuu diferent pronunsiashonz. Thoez hu sujest *hw* az a beter speling hav in miend a combinaishon ov *h* and the voist *w*. Another and far mor comon pronunsiashon ov *wh* iz a voisles *w*, which standz in the saim relaishon tu the voist *w* az *s* tu *z*, or *f* tu *v*. It iz tu emphasiez this fact that we consider it adviezabl tu retain the speling *wh*, which iz tu be regarded az a diegraaf, liec *th*, and not az ecivalent tu the soundz ov *w* plus *h*.

Mr. H. F. Patton riets:

On pajj 60, lien 13, ov the curent number ov THE PIONEER yu spel "absolutely" az "absoluutli." Wood not "absolyutli" be beter? On lien 2 ov the saim pajj yu hav the saim sound in "repyuted," which yu spel, tu mi miend, in the corect wai.

Thair iz no dout about the pronunsiashon ov "repyuted," but a grait deel ov unsurtinti with regard tu the wurdz nou spelt with *lu* (strest). When another consonant preseedz (az in "blue, flute, glue") everibodi nou givz it the valyu ov *luu*; † but elshwhair the mater iz not definitli setld. Boeth *luu* and *lyu* mai be hurd in "lute, lucid, luminous, illuminate, -ant, -ation, salute, absolutely, abolition, revolution, allude, allusion." For sum tiem thair haz been similar unsurtinti in sum wurdz with *su*—*e.g.* "assume, presume," and in the wurd "enthusiasm." Thair seemz tu be no yuniformiti in the speech ov individual speecerz: thai yuz *yu* in sum wurdz, *uu* in utherz. On the hoel, *uu* seemz tu be prevailing; in "absolutely" it apeerz tu us aulmoest tu hav displaist *yu*.

(Jespersen cwoets from Bernard Shaw's Cashel Byron: "Hiz naim [Lucian] az she uterd it, aulwaiz sturd him vaigli. He woz fond ov fiending reezonz for thingz, and had long agoe desided that this inwerd stur woz dyu tu her fien pronunsiashon. Hiz uther intimaits cauld him 'Looshn.'")

* [*Sic*] iz not "ment sarcastic"; we meerli wish tu implie that this iz not a misprint, but Mr. Wilde's cwiet justifiabl speling.

† In 1840 "blyu" woz stil hurd, but woz regarded az an affectaishon.

C OR K?

THE PIONEER states that the cwestion ov *c* or *k* iz about tu be submitted. I am convinst that tu chainj wood be a graiv mistaic, and can not help arguyng for *c* at length.

Everi siëns aboundz in turmz cwiet unnoen tu the jeneral public, pronounst diferentli in diferent cuntriz, but cwiet intelijibl tu thoez hu yuz them, becauz thair orthografi foloez cloesli that ov the Latin and Greek wurdz that enter intu them. In short, thai ar not English, but internashonal; but thai hav an English pronunsaishon that puzlz a foriner. Hou wil speling reform ever afect theez wurdz? Wil the internashonal clasical speling ever giv wai tu the English pronunsaishon? Yes, cwiet posibli in the mor yuzd and beter noen ov such turmz, but surtinli never in the rairer and mor tecncal. Tu claim the contrari wood be the wieldest foli. An egzaampl iz hardli neseari, but I giv wun. Thair iz a ciend ov sivet cauld *viverra vittata*. Shal we ever drop wun *t*, and so transform an animal "that wairz a chaplet" intu wun "that iz avoided"? Shuurli no. I had sum conversaishon with Dr. Scott (the esteemd Secretari ov the Simplified Speling Bord ov America) along this lien and found him consurvativ. He wood not reform the *h* in "rhododendron" or the *g* in "perige."

At the hed ov an articl in an Italian ensiclopedeia I fiend this: "FILLOXERA, FILLOSSERA, FILOSSERA, O PHYLLOXERA." Nou for naimz for wun smaul insect ar tuu meni; but, seeing that thair ar for independent unsurtintiz, hu wil sai that the number ov itz naimz duz not reech tu the fourth pouer, which iz sicteen? If this sort ov confyuzhon iz comon, Italian orthografi mai be pronounst ciend tu the chield, but cruel tu the siëntist. Wil English speling reform hav eni such darc sied? Undoutedli. I duu not thinc eni vairiaishon ov the strait Greek speling "phylloxera" wil ever apeer in an English wure; but on the boundari lien between coloezwial and tecncal wurdz thair iz shuur tu be a larj dispyuted airea, oever which the nyu speling and the clasical speling wil waij a long, perhaps an endles, wor—furst wun gaining ground and then the uther, liec the Liberalz and Yunionists in England, or the Republicanz and Democrats oever heer.

For instans, in Webster's Internashonal Dicshonari thair ar fiev columz ov wurdz begining with *geo*-. Reform wil hardli be wurth thair if it duz not reech "geography"; but it can never get az far az "Geoglossum." The best that can be hoept iz that, aafter meni yeez ov confyuzhon, the comon wurdz wil be riten and pronounst with *j*, and the rair wurdz riten and pronounst with *g*. Even so, the obscuraishon ov thair comon orijin wil be a seerius eevil.

The saim unsurtinti wil afect the veri nyumerus wurdz riten with *s* and pronounst with *z*. Thai mai eventyuali be divided intu tuu claasez, the wun retaining the prezent pronunsaishon and chainjing the speling, the uther *vice versa*; but it wil be a long, long tiem befor the wun or the uther practis iz definitli establisht in everi cais.

No wun iz tu blaim for the inconveniensez that wil be ocaizhond bi soft *g* and soft *s*, but thair iz dainjer ov uthertz ov eecwal graviti for which the devoteez ov siëntific fonetic alfabet wil hav themselvz tu blaim. Thai wish tu divors the furst thre vouelz from the soundz bi which we lurnt in infansi tu naim them. What wood be the consecwens? Let us consider the naim-sound ov the second vouel. "Seen" wood becum *sīn*, but "solenoglyphous" wil never chainj its speling, tho it miet acwier a continental pronunsaishon; whiel "renal" miet retain its speling with a French pronunsaishon, or becum "rīnal," or resist aul atemts tu chainj it. "Legend," having tuu pronunsaishonz, wood split intu tuu wurdz; "venous" and "vinous," if it so hapend that the former chainjd oenli its speling and the later oenli its pronunsaishon, wood be murjd intu wun. Hou duz turmoil liec this compair with "sēn, rēnal, solēnoglyphous, lēgend" or "lēgend, vēnous, vīnous"? We can not, indeed, begin with diacritics; but *ā, ē, ī*, ar whot *ai, ee, ie* wil moest natyurali becum, if ever thai chainj.

The etimolojic enthyuziast dezierz tu continyu the prezent confyuzhon, that derivaishonz mai not be obscyurd, whiel the fonetic enthyuziast luurz us tord the sort ov confyuzhon I hav tried tu depict, that the relaishon between long and short vouelz mai no longer be obscyurd. Which duu the English-speeing

οἱ πολλοί cair mor about, the orijin ov the *b* in "debt" or the cloeser relaishonship ov the vouel ov "keen" tu that ov "kin" than tu that ov "ken"? Whot duz it mater that the naim-sound ov *i* iz a difthong? It iz never so reprezented nou, and thair iz no sufishent reezon whi it shood be. "A condishon, not a theori, confrunts us."

Nou let us looc at *c* and *k*. It iz vain tu hoep that aul the Latin element wil ever be spelt with *k*: but it haz aulwaz been customari tu spel Greek wurdz with *c*, tho thair ar a fyv ecsepshonz. Heath's German dicshonari anounsez at the begining ov *C*: "For wurdz not tu be found under *C*, looc under *K* or *Z*," and similarli befor thoez leterz. Paasing oever *z* az irrelevant tu English difcultiz, this iz becauz thair iz no ruul az tu whether Latin and Latiniezd wurdz shal retain *c* or adopt the *k* ov the naitiv German element. If English fonetishanz persist in thair preferens for *k*, the saim anounsment wil apeer in our dicshonariz.

Tu sum up, I hoeld that the moest freecwent reprezentaishon ov eech sound in the orthografi ov the clasical element iz the moest important, tho not the oenli, gied tu practical speling reform, and that, whair this prinsipl conflicts with that ov wun sound, wun character, the later shood yeeld, not for the prezent meerli, but for aul tiem. Thair iz no sufishent reezon, for instans, whi the spelingz egzemplified bi "laud" and "lord" should ever chainj. "A condishon, not a theori, confrunts us."

I duu not noe enithing about the adviezabiliti ov a yunivursal alfabet; but I shood thinc that eech langwij wood duu beter tu fiend the alfabet moest sytabl for its oen needz, without regard tu the needz ov utherz. Tu maintain the contrari iz liec invieting the Fiji Ielander tu don the dres ov the Eskimo.

GEO. F. CRAWLEY,

Naival Obzurvatori, Washington, D.C.

[It iz with much plezher that we hav transcriebd in S.S. and printed this thautful and sujestiv articl.]

THE NAIMZ OV THE LETERZ.

MR. W. D. HORTON haz sent us sum interesting noets on this subject. He sujests that we shood caul the "alfabet" (= "alpha, beta") AB (not ABC), and that the naimz ov the consonants shood be az foloez:

Voist: the sound ov the leter plus *ee*—*i.e.* *bee, dee, gee, vee, zee* (az nou yuzd bi our American frendz insted ov *zed*), *zhee, dhee*.

Voisles: the sound ov the leter preseeded bi *e*—*i.e.* *ep, et, ec, ef, es, eth*.

Naizalz: *mem, nuun* (theez az in Hebrew), *ing* (becauz ov the comon partispial ending).

Lel, or, wu, yi, ha.

We sujest the foloing naimz ov the leterz, the vouelz having the valyuz asiend them in S.S.: *a* (*aa, ai, au*), *bee, ech, dee, e* (*ee*), *ef, gee, ha, i* (*ie*), *jee, ec, el, em, en, eng, o* (*oe, oi, oo, ou*), *pee, ree, es, et, u* (*uu, yu*), *vee, wee, yee, zee*.

The naim ov the leter shood at leest contain the sound it deznaitz; this ecsluudz *aich* and *ar*. The later iz freecwentli pronounst *aa*, which justifiez Mr. Neil Lyons in giving *R!* az an ecslamaishon in hiz ecseleent volyum ov London scechez, *Clara*.

In moest uther tungz a surtin intelijibl relaishon egzists between rieting and speech, so that a lurner can at wuns maic a reezonabl aprocsimaishon tu the truu sound ov the langwij: but in English no such ruul egzist. Caprees seemz tu hav been the prezieding jeenius in the arainjment, which iz about the odest and moest bizar which cood be conseevd.—J. A. PICTON.

Az long az a langwij livz, the spoecen wurd cumz furst. We duu not pronouns a wurd az we duu becauz it iz spelt in a surtin wai; we spel it az we duu becauz it iz pronounst in a surtin wai.—E. K. PUTNAM.

A PRIEZ FOR A TIETL.

A GOODLI respons woz maid tu the competishon anounst in the Aipril PIONEER, but so important iz it tu hav an atractiv tietyl that we wont an eeven graiter rainj ov sujestionz. The competishon iz thairfor left oepen tu the end ov this munth (tu the end ov Juun for memberz in India, South Africa, and Australia). Riet on a poest-card a sujested tietyl for a volyum ov priez esaiz on "The Edyucaishonal Advaantijez ov Simplified Speling," and send tu the Secretari S.S.S., 44 Great Russell Street, London, W.C. The priez oferd for the hapiest sujestion iz wun gini.

NOETS AND NYUZ.

The membership ov the Sosiety nou numberz 1576.

NOTHING iz mor iluuminaiting than tu sit in a counsil ov teecheرز and lisen tu thair vyuz on this mater ov speling. Thair convicshonz ar barbd with steel ov ecpseeriens. Heer ar a fyū: "We hav been groening for long under this burden ov teaching speling which can not be taut." "Sum ov us hav despaird and thaut no releef woz tu cum. I see a better dai dauning." "Az for the etimological argyument, a styudent toeld me that when he had sics weecs tu spair he wood looc up the histori ov a surtin wurd! It duzn't seem thair iz much help in speling!" Perhaps moest peersing ov aul wer the wurdz ov an infants' mistres: "Mi eldest children wont tu riet and caan't. **Thai hav the langwij, but can not riet it down.**" Which meenz that speling gagz thair yung miendz; it delaiz self-ecspreshon.

WE cwoet the abuv opinioonz becauz in this mater the teecheرز haz moest riet tu speec. Posibli edyucaishon in England tudai iz in peril ov becuming a byurocratic affair, and the techeرز must be sielent lest he disturb authoriti. "I hav been a for-runer ov the Sosiety for yeeرز," sed a Gateshead hed maaster; "when teaching speling I hav pointed out again and again tu mi boiz hou sili it aul iz." The chairman ov that meeting confest that hiz litl gurl ov fiev sumerz had maid him a speling protestant. He had never thaut about the problem until the chield-cwestioner aasct hou "k-n-o-w" cood spel the saim az "n-o."

MR. H. G. WELLS, in wun ov hiz reesent articlz, maid the remarc that befor veri long "we shal fiend India rezyuming her former sentral pozishon in our ideaz ov internashonal politics." The railwai enjineer haz begun tu cuver China with hiz steel web. Wil he not, in the neer fyutyur, linc India with the rest ov the world? And wtot ov our infloens in India? It can be strengthend a hundred-foeld bi maicing English speech and English speling eezier tu acwier. Wun ov the grait argyuments in faivor ov speling reform iz theez waiting, awaicening milionz in the Eest. And thair ar thoez hu sai that reviezd speling iz not a them tu fier the imajinaishon!

MR. FILSON YOUNG, rieting ov Mr. Willett's Dailiet Saiving Bil: "Moest unfortyunaitli, it iz wun ov thoez mezherz in which no political interest iz involvd. . . . Liec aul mezherz which ar not politics, but meerli wizdom and comon-sens, thair iz litl room for it in the political masheen. The idea iz stil

treeted bi a number ov peepl az a raather atractiv joec." And again: "The real valyu ov the Dailiet Saiving Bil wood be that, if it wer paast, England wood imeediatli becum a yunger and hapier naishon, and iz not that wurth whiel?" Everi wurd chiemz aulso with our apeeiz for speling bi reezon—**the Saiving ov Inteletyual Dailiet.**

IN footbaul—nou a memori, liec the snoez ov March—atac iz sed tu be the best defens. Speling reformerz shood foloe the ecseleent ruul. Our muther tung iz spoecen in slipshod fashon; posibli we English aloen, among the peeplz ov Europe, pozes the inglorius distincshon. Hou can the spoecen wurd be restord tu onor and byuti, for this iz the truu langwij—not thoez dusti epitaafs we caul "corect speling"? Hou but bi meenz ov reform in that orthografi? **Speling reform standz for byuti ov speech.** That iz a mishon nun need tel with baited breth.

THIS paragraaf shal be an ecoe ov the laast. Mrs. J. G. Fraser givz an account in the "Cambridge Magazine" ov the wunderful plaiz riten and spoecen bi boiz ov the Perse Scuul, which Dr. Rouse haz maid faimus beyond its peerz. "Bi meenz ov the oral and direct method, such az iz aulso adopted sucesfuli bi Mr. von Glehn in modern langwij teeching, the eer ov the boiz haz becum atyund tu the byuti ov sound, and it mai be dyu partli tu theez practisiez that thai riet"—the wurd referuz tu literari compozishon—"and speec thair oen muther tung faultlesli in a plaiz whair it iz murderd bi the croud." This iz remarcabl evidens from a remarcabl scuul. And Dr. Rouse feelz that whot iz acomplisht thair mai in mezher be acomplisht in everi scuul in the land—bi the despiezd paath ov a chainjd speling!

"J.B." roet plezantli on Speling Reform in the "Glasgow Herald" on the 5th ov laast munth. The articl wood be seen bi rufi 150,000 peepl. The inishalz betrai our good frend Mr. James Ballantyne, an aibl jurnalist. Hiz articl cauld Mr. Robert Jackson, M.A., ov Dundee, intu the lists with tuu chalenjez that aut tu sound thru the hoel areena ov biznes:

(1) Hou much muni iz spent in the admittedli fyutiel atemt tu impart a thuroe nolej ov the prezent speling?

(2) Whot edyucaishonal good cumz tu the chield or tu the comyuniti from this ecspendityur ov tiem and muni?

Mr. Jackson iz wiling tu admit that, az a tecnicel subject on a par with short-hand and tieprieting, convenshonal speling mai hav comurshal valyu; but its edyucaishonal vuryu iz, liec Becky Sharp's incum, nil.

SUR HARRY JOHNSTON iz bringing out, thru the Cambridge Yunivursiti Pres, a booc on Fonetice Speling. He haz endevoerd tu combien the best feetyurz ov the moest noetwurthi standerd alfabets ov British, Anglo-Indian, French, and German authoritiz on fonetics, together with iedeaz ov hiz oen. "Fonetic speling iz a subject which iz cuming mor and mor tu the frunt," sez "Everyman," and Sur Harry Johnston'z booc wil be welcumd. He goez farther than our tentativ sistem, but he iz glad ov the impuls the Someti iz giving tordz comon sens in orthografi. On our part we rejois in Sur Harry'z help in creating an enlietend public opinion, ever our cheef wurc. A shaic ov the hand tu aul hu ar triing tu maic a hiewai thru the Slou ov Despond.

SUR HARRY JOHNSTON intendz—tu cwoet hiz oen wurdz—tu "turn the furst profits I get from mi booc (if I get eni) intu having a tieprieter maid speshali for fonetic rieting." That iz, he intendz tu *yu*z a nyu speling, which iz the oenli wai tu eject the oeld. Whi feer the cazyual jieb? The man hu furst yuzd umbrelaz woz laaft at. Laafer iz the furst penalti for foloing liet.

ADVERTIEZERZ hav ofen dipt intu unorthodocs speling. The laitest iz "The Woshwel Soap," anounst bi a West Hartlepool furm. Thai hav caut the riet vouel sound in "wash." Can it be our training having efect? "Hed-Eezi" iz

a lien in hats, and "Phit-Eezi" proviedz for pedal ecstremitez. An enterpriezing traidzman in Wolverhampton haz had a man paraiding the streets with placardz printd entierli in the nyu speling!

WE welcum Sur James Crichton-Browne az a Vies-Prezident, and we giv burthdai greetingz tu Lord Avebury, hu woz seventi-nien on the laast dai ov Aipril. The aijed siëntist iz familiar tu moest az Sur John Lubbock. Hiz naim iz a houshoeld wurd. Turning from liet tu shaid, we regret tu anouns the deth ov Laidi Pitman in her aiti-nienth year. We wish she cood hav livd tu see the Pitman Sentenari Selebraishonz in Bath on the 24th ov this month. The oeld haunts ov Sur Isaac in the Siti ov Fonografi wil be vizited and a Garden Parti given at "Cranfields" bi Messrs. Alfred and Ernest Pitman.

In the "English Review" apeerz an articl which givz insiet into the jentl art ov faicing furnityur. "It iz truuli serpriezing whot sum peepl wil accept az "anteecs" on the bair wurd ov a dealer. . . . It iz a pecyuliariti ov furnityur colecting that the purson hu wood dout hiz scil tu select a diamond, a fabric, or a moeter-car . . . without ecspert advies wil bie anteec furnityur reclesli on hiz oen unaided nolej." Speling "anteecs" deseev the unwairi in the saim wai, even when such ecsperts az Sur James Murray and the lait Prof. Skeat hav ecspoedz the traid.

"THE Optimists"—it iz the aresting tielt ov a club reesentli formd in London tu secyur graitr efshensi in biznes. Tiem iz waisted bi irelevans at public meetingz, inefiscent railwai survis, lengthi delaiz in Guvernement Departments, and so on. A nyu beezom iz tu sweep aul this cleen. We feel shuur that, when thai understand the cais, "The Optimists"—ov huuz cumpani we ar—wil poot speling reform furst on thair list.

In the "Bulletin of the British Chamber of Commerce for Italy" (March) tuu paijz wer given up tu cwotaishonz from reesent pamflets publisht bi the Sোসietি. On the sujestion ov Mr. Weatherhead, our loial frend in Genoa, copiz ov the articl wer printed and sent tu aul the Chamber ov Comers in the British Empier. Reprints ov the "intervyu" with Dr. Hunter, Chairman ov Messrs. Swan, Hunter, & Wigham Richardson, Ltd., which apeerd in the "North Mail," hav been maid and mai be had in eni cwontiti from the Secretari. It iz just the leaflet tu poot into the hand ov a biznes man.

MR. MAVER, ov the "School of Business Training," 75 Plumstead Common Road, Plumstead, haz sent us the furst ov hiz Speling Cardz—wurdz pronounst aliec, but speld diferentli az set forth. Thair ar dictaishon ecersiesezez which provied plenti ov fun—apart from speling. An Irish barister'z speech iz given: "If the train had been run az it shood hav been ran, or if the bel had been rung az it shood hav been rang, or if the whisl had been bloen az it shood hav been bluu, boeth ov which thai did niether, the cou wood not hav been injerd when she woz cild."

MIS CROWCROFT, ov Market Harborough, evolvd for ecspiermental purposez a speling method ov her oen. She ecspclairnd it tu her claas and then gair out a pees ov dictaishon. The rezults serpriezd her—so rair woz the need for bluu pensil. The point iz, it woz a sistem ov *consistent* speling, and the hoel masheeneri ov scuul began at wuns tu run smuuthli. The wheelz sang. We hav seen the paiperz, and thai pruvv Mis Crowcroft's wurdz. We wish everi teecher wood maic trial and thairbi—the fun wil cum—redyus the trialz ov themselvz and thair scolarz.

IN "Everyman" for Aipril 18 a portrait ov our Prezident, Prof. Gilbert Murray apeerd, together with an apreesiaishon ov hiz wurc az inturpreter of the poëtri and spirit ov the Greeks.

THE Secretari lectyurd in Kettering a fyu weecs agoe. Mr. A. C. Harris, Chairman ov the loecal Asoesiaishon ov the N.U.T., prezieded. He becam a member ov the Sোসietি—and a mishonari. A fyu daiz laiter seven uthertz joind

thru Mr. Harris. Our thancs ar dyu tu him. It iz an egzaampl that wood giv us 50,000 memberz befor we ar meni yeerz oeld.

IN an articl in the "Daily Mail," Mr. Twells Brex complaind ov the "Bord Scuul Vois." Thair woz a good deel ov jurnalistic vigor in hiz atac, which becam the test ov much corespondens. Behiend it aul iz this luuminus fact: we ar living in the daiz ov the "Renaissance" ov the Spoecen Wurd. "Corect speech," not "corect speling," iz going tu be the tuch-stoen ov edyucaishon in the fyutyur. The riezing tied—az political placardz hav it—iz with us. Bord ov Edyucaishon Inspectorz hav been paasing stricyurz upon the "Yunivursiti Vois." The italics ar ourz, for we wont tu emfasiex that atenshon iz everi-whair being paid tu speech. It iz an atityud that maics speling reform inevitabl.

IT wil taic England a hundred yeerz tu get oever thurti yeerz ov the anyual egzaminaishon sistem in the priemari scuulz. This iz the vurdict ov Mr. Holmes, lait Cheef Inspector. Egzaminaishonz ar a soel-ciling instityushon, sed Mr. Balfour in hiz delietful speech on the Edyucaishon Estimaitz. The elements—"begarli elements ov the wurd," iz, we beleev, the oeld Scoch fraiz—which maic egzaminaishonz a ciend ov intelektuyal paralisis, ar prezent in convenshonal speling. So long az *it* must be lurnd we ar giving stoenz for bred.

WE regret that the naim ov Mr. V. Venkatrama Dikshitar woz omited from the list ov memberz ov our South Indian Branch publisht in the Februari PIONEER. Erorz wer maid in the cais ov surtin uther naimz, which shood be Messrs. P. R. Sitaraman, K. S. Subbaraya Aiyar, and A. Venkateswara Aiyar.

THE Balans Sheet ov the Sosieti woz cwoeted in the "Financial News" and the "Financial Times." Boeth paiperz ar jeenial in thair atityud tordez speling reform. "The simplified speling enthyuziasts drop the *c* out ov 'money,' tho muni can hardli be shorter than it iz at the moement." Thus the "Financial News."

A LECTYUR ful ov interest tu speling reformerz woz given at Cowdenbeath tu the Fifeshire Branch ov the E.I.S. on March 22 bi Mis McCallum, Infant Mistress, Lumphinnans Scuul, Cowdenbeath. The subject woz "The Fonic Method ov Teeching Reeding." A short escpozishon ov the siëntific prinsiplz underliing the method woz foloed bi a detaild acount ov the sistem and a demonstraishon lesen with yung children hu had been sum for munths at scuul. The cors persyud iz in strict acordans with the lauz boeth ov speech and ov the child'z mental development. The sound-chart yuzd iz a fonic wun baist on the yuzhyual fonic chart, but slietli modified so az tu maic the transizhon from the fonic tu the noemic speling sumwhot eezier. No chield iz cept at the fonic speling for mor than about fifteen munths. The transizhon staj givz no trubl. The popyulaishon ov the district iz a fluctyuaing wun, and the fonetical traird children ar the best scolarz in thair respectiv claasez, eeven with a scuul atendans ov twelv tu fifteen munths' shorter dyuraishon than that ov the non-fonetical traird. Ov speshal interest tu the memberz ov the S.S.S. iz the fact that this hieli sucesful escperimert haz been carid on for for ov fiev yeerz with the harti apruual ov tuu sucesiv Inspectorz ov Scuulz.

THE *Furst Reeder* which iz tu be publisht wil be on the laitest lienz laid down bi the "Eyesight" Comiti ov the British Asoesiaishon. The On. Secretari ov that Comiti sez in a reesent leter: "The absens ov diacritics and the yus ov ordinari tieps iz a comendabl feetyur ov yur wurc vyud from the iesiet stand-point." Another point ocurz tu us: wil not a consistent speling redyus ie-strain bi lesening the amount ov memorizeing which haz tu be dun bi that organ?

THE Ecsecyutiv Comiti ov the Speling Bord ov New York haz isyud a leter tu the "Sienerz ov the Promis"—naimli, thoez fifti thousand men and wimen hu hav siend the card agreing tu yuz in thair corespondens the simpler formz ov

speling recomended bi the Bord. A fresh card iz encloezd in order tu obtain a further eespreshon ov opinion. The leter, a splendid apeel, cloezez: "The necst for yeez ar liecli tu witnes graittli increest activiti in behaaf ov intellectuual and moral muuvments. **Fortyunait wil be thoez pursonz hu ar wiling and aibl tu taic part in a progresiv muuvment so interesting in itself and so yusful tu manciend az the muuvment for a rashonal speling ov the moest important langwij ov the world.**"

WE hav reseevd a copi ov "Le Réformiste," in which a revizhon ov French speling iz advocaited. Our greetinz and good wishez tu M. Barés. Dr. A. C. Dunstan, ov Königsberg, haz riten a litl booc, "Englische Phonetik," which iz wun ov the Sammlung Göschen publisht in Berlin and Leipzig. A veri jenerus referens iz maid tu our sceem ov speling reform.

A LETER reseevd from Mr. Albert E. Suter, the Secretari ov the Grimsby Asoesiaishon ov the N.U.T., iz so pouerful an apeel tu hiz feloe-teecherz that we print it in ful:

"The vizit ov Prof. Rippmann tu our N.U.T. gathering a fyu eveningz agoe woz cwiet noetwurthi, for he wun goelden opinionz for a lectyur which woz at wuns hieli interesting and intellectuual, and on that subject, tuu, so ofen spoecen ov with a noet ov derizhon—Speling Reform!

"Tu feloe-teecherz, hu noe so wel the eespendityur ov tiem and enerji devoeted tu lurning our prezent speling—and yet hu ar, I am afraid, tuu ofen incliend tu looc upon its reform az sumthing ov a sacrilej and its reformerz az crancs—I woud sai: Get Prof. Rippmann, or anuther ov the leederz ov the Simplified Speling Sosieti, tu shoe the 'mor ecceslent wai' ov speling with *truuth and consistensi*, and ov laibor and tiem-saiving for fyutyur jeneraishonz ov the English-speecing rais. The ideoa ov a reform wil apeer much les ov a cimeera tu the seerius lisener and thautful styudent; whiel meni objecshonz wil vanish or be lesend when the hoel mater iz urnestli considerd."

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THEEZ litl marcs—*a*, *b*, *c* and 1, 2, 3—that seem in themselvz tu be no mor than the marcs ov burdz' feet in the snoe, ar reali the foundaishon ov our sivilie-zaishon. Thair can be but litl traid and comers, and no literatyr, without theez seemingli insignificant sienz. In the yus ov figyurz we ar consistent, but in the yus ov leterz we ar inconsistent. Figyurz aulwaiz reprezent surtin cwontitiz or numberz, but leterz ar yuzd arbitrarili; and long and weeri iz the taasc tu fiend out whot thai meen.—SUR ISAAC PITMAN.

APE OWE 'EM.

(Bi Deems Taylor in the "Century Magazine.")

WHEN fur stews can this sill leer I'm,
 Toot rye tomb ache theme e'en ink Lear,
 Youth inked wood butt be weigh sting thyme;
 Use eh, "Its imp lean on scents, shear!"

Gnome attar; Anna lies align!
 Nation mice lender verse says knot—
 Fork rip tick poet real Ike mine,
 How Aaron weal demesnes ahot.

PRES CUTINGZ CLASIFIED.

THE Morning Post and the Daily Telegraph menshon the critical paiper red bi Dr. Henry Bradley befor the Historical Congres on "The Relaishon ov Riten tu Spocen Langwij." He urjd that the reali strong argyument for fonetic speling woz the tiem it wood sav the lurner, Aipril 8; **Standard**: Mr. Daniel Jones, speeing ov hiz reesent vizit tu India, remarcz: "A beter speling ov English wood, in mi opinin, hav in it the seedz ov edyucaishonal cwicening throuth the Indian Empier."

The **Educational Times** for Aipril reprints Prof. Rippmann'z leter tu the "Morning Post" on S.S.; **Times Educational Supplement** (Mr. A. D. Anderson, in a leter on "The Pronunsiashon ov Latin," sez: "Whiel we elderz ar rangling, the yunger jeneraishon mai sufer; for them simplisiti and yuni-formiti ov disiplin iz the wun thing needful"), Aipril 1; **Literary Digest** (New York) reprints several ecstracts from the articl and corespondens which reesentli apeerd in the "Morning Post," Aipril 19.

SPESHAL ARTICLZ IN ADVOCASI OV SPELING REFORM apeer in the **Toronto Daily Star**, Aipril 3; **Glasgow Herald**, Aipril 5; **Halifax Herald**, Aipril 16; **Grimby Daily Telegraph**, Aipril 26; **Bristol Times**, Aipril 28.

The **Bristol Times** and **Mirror** prints in the nyu speling an articl on "Whair Butler Roet," Aipril 4.

The **Evening News**, Aipril 11, in a leeding articl, refurz tu an intervyyu with Mr. Daniel Jones regarding the English ov the fyutyur.

Mis Burstall'z Mesij in the **Woman Teacher's World** woz cwoeted in the **Educational Times**.

"Pecyuliaritiz ov Coloenial Speech," bi Denis Crane, woz publisht in the **Free Press** (Ont.), Aipril 5.

LETERZ IN SUPORT OV S.S. hav apeerd in the foloing:—**Lady's World**, Aipril; **Wolverhampton Express and Star** ("Bon Accord"), Aipril 1; **Midland Daily Telegraph** (Secretari S.S.S.), Aipril 4; **Yorkshire Gazette** ("Bon Accord" and Mr. W. R. Page), Aipril 5; **Glasgow Herald** ("Phono"), Aipril 8; **Lady** ("D.D."), **Glasgow Herald** (R. Jackson and "Alphabeta"), Aipril 10;

Yorkshire Post (H. Drummond), Daily Citizen ("A.W."), Aipril 11; Yorkshire Gazette ("Excelsior"), Aipril 12; Yorkshire Post (H. Drummond), Evening News (Z. Lock), Aipril 14; Daily Citizen ("Speling Reformer"), Aipril 15; Glasgow Herald ("J.B."), Aipril 16; Liverpool Evening Express (Secretari S.S.S.), Aipril 17; North Wales Chronicle (Secretari S.S.S.), Bazaar, Assurance Agents' Chronicle, Aipril 19; Dundee Courier (Secretari S.S.S. aanserz criticizmz ov the American Speling Bord's Forth List ov S.S.), Aipril 24; Clapham Observer (Secretari S.S.S.), Essex County Chronicle ("Bon Accord"), Aipril 25; Clapham Observer ("Bon Accord"), Essex County Chronicle ("Bon Accord"), Aipril 26; Yorkshire Observer (Secretari S.S.S.), Aipril 28, (H. Drummond), Aipril 30; Toronto Star ("Iz Eyes"), Aipril 9.

ARTICLZ IN CRITISIZM OV S.S. apeerd in London Opinion, Aipril 12; Clapham Observer, Aipril 18; Hull Daily Mail ("We wood raather goe on strugling with our 'throughs' and 'sprightlys' and such wurdz than hav such wurdz az 'thru' or 'nu speling'; thair iz a long jentl looc about such wurdz az 'through' which sofenz the langwij"!), Aipril 24; Academy, Aipril 26.

The BALANS SHEET OV THE SOSIETI iz printed in ful in the Financial Times, and cwoeted in the Financial News, Aipril 11.

"Sur James Crichton-Browne, hu haz given Blackpool sum magnifisent testimoenialz at wun tiem and anuther, haz becum a Vies-Prezident ov the Simplified Speling Sositet."—Blackpool Herald, Aipril 23.

Menshon ov the PITMAN SENTENARI iz maid in the British Workman, Family Friend, Band of Hope Review (with speshal referens tu this Sositet), Aipril; Manchester City News, Aipril 5; Sunderland Echo, Northern Echo, Aipril 7; Durham Chronicle, Aipril 11; Manchester City News, Aipril 12; Daily Sketch, Aipril 14; Morning Post, Morning Advertiser, Aipril 15; Newcastle Illustrated Chronicle, Aipril 19; Glasgow Evening Times, Aipril 25.

Ecstracts from THE PIONEER for Aipril ar given in the Glasgow Evening Citizen, Aipril 2; Brighton and Hove Society, Glasgow Evening Times, Aipril 17; Daily Herald, Hornsey Journal, Pullen's Kent Argus, Aipril 19; Whitby Gazette, Aipril 25. The Woman Teacher's World, Aipril 16, cwoets our ofer ov a priez for a tiel.

Glasgow Herald and Edinburgh Evening News, Aipril 4, menshon the ecspperiments about tu be maid in regard tu teeching a consistent speling in wun or tuu infants' scuulz.

The AMERICAN SPELING BORD'Z FORTH LIST OF SIMPLIFIED SPELINGZ iz cwoeted in the Assurance Agents' Chronicle and the Bazaar, Aipril 5; Manchester Evening Chronicle, Daily Express, Aipril 15; Dundee Courier, Aipril 17; Bradford Daily Mercury, Manchester Weekly Times, Aipril 19; Whitby Gazette, Aipril 25.

ENGLISH v. ESPERANTO AZ AN INTERNASHONAL LANGWIJ iz discust in the Review of Reviews for Aipril and in the South Wales Daily News, Aipril 2, 9.

LECTYURZ ON S.S. wer reported, or comented upon, in the foloing paiperz :—

Manchester.—T.P.'s Weekly, Aipril 4.

Southampton.—Schoolmaster, Aipril 12.

Grimsby.—Eastern Morning News, Aipril 17; Grimsby Daily Telegraph, Aipril 19, 28; Grimsby News, Aipril 19.

Hull.—Hull Times, Hull Daily News, Aipril 19; Yorkshire Post, Aipril 21.

Kettering.—Kettering Guardian, Aipril 19.

Journal of Education menshonz the lectyurz on Speling Reform given bi Mr. Daniel Jones in India reesentli.

"The Yunivursiti Vois" iz the heding ov an articl in the **Standard** ov Aipril 4, and mension iz maid ov a debait oepend bi Dr. Rouse at a reesent meeting ov the Teecherz' Guild on a Standerd Pronunsiashon ov English. Prof. Rippmann iz aulso cwoeted.

HYUMORZ OV S.S.—**Sporting Times**: "Haz 'Punch' joind the rancs ov the fonetic spelerz? If not, whi duz he in hiz advurtisment spel the wurd *please* 'plese'?" Aipril 19. The **Financial News** jest iz refurd tu in "Noets and Nyuz."

MR. MAX BEERBOHM'Z CARTUUN ov Mr. William Archer az nyu speler iz menshond in the **Times**, Aipril 12, and in **Theatreland**, Aipril 16.

The foloing method ov teeching a litl gurl ov fiev tu spel "difficulty" apeerz in the **Bradford Daily Telegraph**, Aipril 25:

"Mrs. D., Mrs. I.,
Mrs. F. F. I.,
Mrs. C., Mrs. U.,
Mrs. L. T. Y."

The **Yorkshire Evening Post** and **Birmingham Gazette and Express**, Aipril 30, print the foloing, riten bi a London scuul chield from dictaishon: "I have a boubel with whit petls on its stork. The stork is green whith a mot of derows [juice?] in it. The stork is not strat but it is kerling a bit."

Sur Harry Johnston'z booc on "Phonetic Spelling," which iz shortli tu be publisht, iz menshond in **Everyman**, Aipril 25; **Westminster Gazette**, Aipril 28.

In the **Methodist Recorder** the cwestion ov the Indian Langwij Dificulti iz raizd bi Rev. J. Knowles and Dr. A. T. de Moulipied, Aipril 10.

Leicester Daily Post noets that Counsilor Gimson haz discardd the modern form ov "Wyggeston" in faivor ov "Wigton," and adz: "Sins the founder ov the Chantry Hous got hiz naim from the vilij ov Wigton, it duz seem raather styupid tu spel the naim ov the vilij wun wai and the naim ov the toun'z benefactor another wai, apart from aul consideraishonz ov fonetic spelling," Aipril 7.

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