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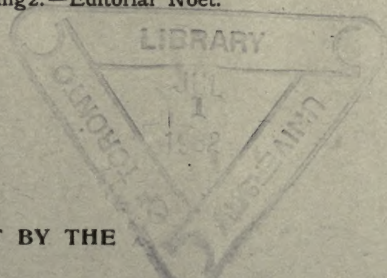
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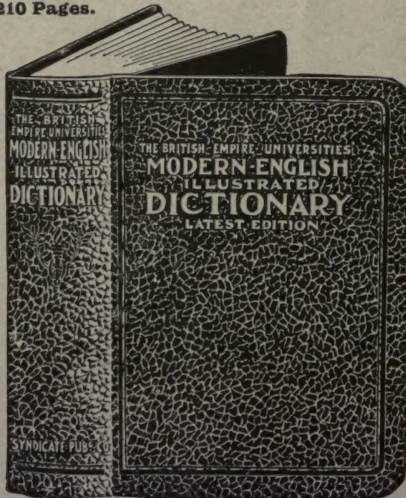
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THE VOIS OV AUTHORITI.

INVOKAISHONZ tu the shaidz ov Shakespeare and Milton ar not infreekwentli maid by thoez hoo wish tu atest thair dislyk ov a reformd speling, but a litel reserch wil shoe that the vois ov authoriti iz euzheuali on the progresiv syd ov the argeument. We print, for the benefit ov such kritiks az dismis the moovment with the stigma "a neu fad," a list ov sum ov the mor eminent men hoo, in thair dai and jeneraishon, hav suported the reform—

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HOU EU KAN HELP ON SPELING REFORM.

WHEN English speling iz reformd, and English children ar poot on an eekwal footing with the children ov uther naishonz, eu wil lyk tu feel that eu hav dun sumthing tu haisen on a reform

which, it haz been sed, wil krait az grait a revolooshon in edeukai-shon az the Edeukaishon Akt. Heer ar siks praktikal sujestionz :

(1) Eu kan kolekt signateurz for the petishon. The Sekretari wil be glad tu send on formz : werkerz ar erjentli needed.

(2) Eu kan ryt leterz tu the loekal pres. Ignorans on the mater iz stil wydspred. The publik kan not be toeld enithing too ofen.

(3) Eu kan sugest tu the Komiti ov eur loekal lybrari the akwizi-shon ov a feu werks on Speling Reform. Prof. Lounsbury's *English Speling and Speling Reform* iz a seutabel werk. THE PYONEER myt aulso be sent tu lybrariz, and kopiz ov the Petishon displaid if memberz wood maik arainjments.

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(5) If eu ar a teecher eu kan test the efekts ov simplifyd speling on eur klaas.

(6) Eu kan euz the simplifyd speling skeem in eur korespondens. If eu doo not kair tu euz the hoel skeem, adopt sartin simplifikai-shonz.

AROEZ FOR THE SPELING REFORMER'Z KWIVER.

A KORESPONDENT reesentli aaskt for a list ov werdz hoov speling faulsifyd the derivaishon. Such a list iz, ov kors, eusful in argeument. It wood be imposibel tu giv an egzaustiv list in the paijez ov THE PYONEER, but wun or too egzaampelz mai saiv dikshonari reserch :

Scion.—The werd "scion" iz an egzaampel ov the eroeniusli inserted *c* foloing an inishal *s*. The Midel English formz wer "sion, sioun, cion, cyun," or "cien" (in Shakespeare, Lodge, ets.), from the oeld French *sion*, or *cion*. This iz konekted with the French verb *scier* (rytli spelt *sier* in Cotgrave), from Latin *secare*, tu kut. It haz nuthing whotever tu doo with the Latin *scindere*, az the speling helps tu sugest. Introsiv *c* befor *k* is komon, az in "nickname," whair it helps tu obskeur the etimoloji from "an eke-name," and kood be omited with grait advaantij.

Knowledge.—The Midel English form had no *d*. Thus, Chaucer haz "knowlege" in *Canterbury Tales*, 12960 (spelt "knoweliche, knowleche" in the Six-text, ed. B. 1220). And in the *Cursor Mundi*, 12162, it iz spelt "knaulage, knawlage, knauleche, knowleche." The sufiks *-lege* iz a laiter form ov *-leche*, and the werd iz an English wun, with Scandinavian sufiks (the erli form ov the *-leche* being a weekening from the Scandinavian sufiks *-leke*). This iz boroed from Icelandic *-leikr* or *-leiki*, which iz kognait with the Anglo-Saxon substantiv *-lac*, which apeerz az *-lock* in "wedlock." Hens the sufiks *-lege* standz tu the werd "knowledge" or "knowlege" az the sufiks *-lock* standz tu "wedlock," and the uter wont ov justifikaishon for the introozhon ov the *d* iz plainli aparent.

Foreign.—The insershon ov the *g* iz meeningles, the oelder spelingz being “forein, foreyn,” or “forain, forayne,” ets. (without the *g*). The formz “foreine” and “foreyne” oker in Chaucer’s translaishon ov Boethius, b. ii, pr. 2, lyn 851. The Midel English form kaim from the oeld French *forain* (stil without the *g*), eksplained by Cotgrave az “forraine, strange, alien,” from the Latin *foraneus*, aplyd tu a kanon hoo iz not in rezidens, or tu a traveling pedlar. It iz klear that this meeningles *g* shoold be abandond.

Delight.—A mis-speling, posibli on analoji ov “light, alight, blight, plight slight,” and perhaps eeven “twilight,” and “lightning,” ets., which ar korekt. The Midel English formz being “delit” (subst.) and “deliten” (verb), and the oeld French *delit* or *deleit*, the modern English speling shoold be “delite.” The verb okerz in Chaucer’s *Canterbury Tales*, Groop E, 997 (Clerk’s Tale).

Sprightly.—The euzheual speling iz hoelli rong, the werd being from French *esprit*—“sprite” (subs.), which iz euzheuali spelt korektli without *gh*. This mai be wun ov the werdz inflooenst, lyk “delight,” bi the speling ov such werdz az “light, plight,” ets. The Midel English formz ar “sprit, sprite,” and “spryte,” but boeth spelingz, with and without the *gh*, oker in vaiarius pasijez ov Shakespeare in derivativz ov “sprite.”

Aghast (i. e. “struck with horor”).—Mis-spelt and ofen misinterpreted. Rytli spelt “agast.” Shakespeare korektli has “gasted” for “frightened” in *Lear* II, lyn 57, a werd nou ofen mis-spelt “ghasted.” The Midel English form iz “gasten,” tu terify, ov which the paast partisipel iz boeth “gasted” and “gast.” “Agast,” the korekt form, apeerz in Wyclif’s Bible (Luke xxiv, 37); in Chaucer’s *Canterbury Tales*, 2343, “So sore agast was Emelye”; also in *Legend of Good Women*, Dido, 245 in *Ancrens Riwle*, paj 212, az wel az in Milton. The werd “agast” iz alyd tu “gost” (“ghost”), the form ov which haz also been mis-spelt by the introdukshon ov a perfektli grateuitus *h*. This pervershon, which woz deu tu Caxton, kaim from hiz foloing a Dutch fashon (lyk that ov ryting *gh* for hard *g* befor *e* and *i* in Italian), which woz aafterwerdz abandond. It iz tu this saim inflooenst that we oe the mis-spelingz ov “ghittern, gherkin,” properli “gurkin”); and meni uther werdz begining with *g* wer formerli spelt with *gh*.

Tongue.—The speling with *ue* looks az if it had been formd on the fauls analoji ov the French *langue*. The word iz English, however, and kumz doun tu us from the Anglo-Saxon “tunge,” which woz stil “tunge” or “tonge” in Midel English az in Chaucer’s *Canterbury Tales*, and woz spelt “tong” by Spenser.

GREECE AND SPELLING REFORM.

DR. H. BOURGEOIS, wun ov the Belgian skolarz at prezent rezident in England, kyndli sendz us a short reveu ov “The ‘Bulletin’ ov the Edeukaishonal Klub” (Athens)—a voleum which woz sent tu us sum tym agoe, but which haz lain dormant oing tu the difikulti ov fynding a reveuer with a nolej ov modern Greek.

The ‘Bulletin’ [he ryts] kontainz, amungst uther artikeln, a veri interesting kontribeushon by Prof. Triantaphyllides on Greek orthografi.

It iz noen that the Greek ov tudai euzez too langwijez—wun he speaks, the uther he reedz and ryts. The former haz been praktikali diskarded for aul literari perposez sins the politikal renaisans ov Greece subsekwent tu the revoleushon ov 1821. Sum progresiv ryterz hav atempted tu introdeus it intu the literari feeld,

moestli for edeukaishonal perposez, the prezent sistem being the veri sors ov illiterasi in Greece. The diferens between boeth tungz iz praktikali az grait az the diferens between Latin and Italian. "The 'Bulletin' ov the Edeukaishonal Klub" iz riten in the popeular langwij, and strongli advokaits its euniversal adopshon.

The ofishal langwij ov Greece, which shood properli be termd Arkaiik Neo-Greek, iz nuthing but an artifishal revershon tu the klasikal tung, the oeld gramar and dikshon having been substiteuted, az a hoel, for thoez ov the spoeken langwij.

A number ov modern werdz hav been retaind, houeever, az being not so eezili replaisabel by klasikal boroingz, but thai hav been maid tu konform tu the jeneral roolz ov the klasikal orthografi, and, thair preevius orthografi being vairiabel, the kaios haz bekum graiter, so that meni such werdz hav too, thre, for, and mor formz in ryting. In hiz artikel, Prof. Triantaphyllides sujests a skeem tu giv them a staibel orthografi.

Anuther important kwestion iz aksenteuaishon, for which veri komplikaited roolz ar given, aultho everi orijinal werd noez nun at aul. Prof. Triantaphyllides sujests yther tu diskard it kompleetli (az iz the kais in Italian) or tu mark it oenli when it duz not afekt a given silabel (az in Spanish).

It iz indispeutabel that the prezent sistem aut not tu be maintaind, az it konstiteuts haaf, and mor perhaps, ov the difkultiz ov the Greek orthografi without eni koresponding advaantij, sins the sens iz praktikali never kondishond by the aksent. I shood, for my oen part, advokait raather the Spanish sistem than kompleet supreshon, konsidering that utherwyz moest peepel wood not be aibel tu reed korektli, az the aksent iz an esenshal element in Greek pronunsiashon, and kan not be inferd from the spoeken langwij, which, az I sed abuv, iz aultgether diferent.

It iz tu be noeted that the "Bulletin" kontainz, on paj 293, a noet, under the tytel "The Simplifikaishon ov Orthografi in England," az foloez:—

At laast a moovment for a simplifikaishon ov orthografi haz begun in England. It woz not menshond in Mr. Triantaphyllides' artikel, but it iz konveenient tu sai a feu werdz about it heer. We hav reseevd the therd edishon ov a booklet, *Simplified Spelling: an Appeal to Common Sense*, whairin, by meenz ov kloesli reezond and praktikal argeuments, such az wun kan antisipait from Englishmen and Americanz oenli, a tolerabli radikal reform ov English iz advokaited.

APEEL TU BIZNES MEN.

A PRAKTIKAL SUJESTION.

MOEST speling reformerz ar agreed that a simplifikaishon ov English speling wood be a gain tu British traid. Lord Bryce haz emfasyzd this in veri definit termz. A German neuspaipe haz boested that German komershal seupremasi kan never be impeund bekauz ov the German sistem ov edeukaishon, unhamperd by the neseliti ov teeching an antikwaitet sistem ov speling and ov kounting. Germany, Spain, Holland, Italy hav aul reformd thair sistemz ov speling; France haz aulredi takeld the kwestion. Let biznes men aask themselvz why, aloen amung aul the grait naishonz ov Europe, Britain elekts tu ty such a milstoen round her nek.

THE KLAIMS OV EMPYR.

Aafter the Wor neu feeldz ov komers wil be oepen tu us if we hav the strength and enerji tu pozes them. Our relaishonz with our koloniz and dependansiz wil ofer sum veri delikait problemz. We wont tu simplify theez az far az posibel. Hou beter kood we doo so than by inkreesing the fasilitiz for interkomeunikaishon? In South Africa, whair Dutch speling haz been simplifid, the Dutch langwij iz ousting the English; in Canada thouzandz ov forinerz ar drifting intu groops, thus ading tu the difikultiz ov government; in India kountles numberz ov Indianz ar sufering seerius los by our persistens in retaining this inkeubus. Amung frendli naishonz the Japanese oepenli lament our obdeurasi.

Hou kan we remedi such a stait ov thingz: hou set the reform going? From our Euniversitiz we kan not, from thair naiteur and konstiteushon, look for substanshal help in the mater ov institeuting chainjez. If we wish for proegres we must maik a frontal atak on the Edeukaishon Authoriti. But, whyl we ar dooing this by meenz ov our petishon and by eksperiments in skoolz, **we aask biznes men, men ov inishiaitiv, men ov resors, tu help us in the taask ov preparing publik opinion for chainj.** Our skeem klaimz tu be a rashonal soleushon ov the difikulti ov ko-ordinaiting sound and simbol, but it duz not lai klaim tu eni majikal pouer ov konverting the British publik tu speling reform az a propozishon. That kan be dun oenli by egzortaishon, eksplanaishon, and egzaampeel. It iz in this werk that we aask ernestli the help ov biznes men.

HOU TU SET THE REFORM GOING.

We sujet that thai introdeus intu thair printing and korespondens

ten simplifikaishonz—"program, tho, altho, thru, thoro, catalog, thruout, kolor, labor, jewelry." Sum ov theez spelingz ar aulredi komon ("The Times" euzez "jewelry"), and, whyl aul prepair the wai for chainj, nun ar so drastik az tu arouz hostiliti.

The Sekretari wil be glad tu heer from eni member hoo iz wiling tu inishiait theez chainjez. It iz a simpel but praktikal wai ov helping on a moovment that dezervz wel ov everi patriot. Aulredi several biznes men in our moovment hav maid a begining on theez lynz—our speling haz been introdeust intu prospektusez, lekteur-bilz, and cheks. But we aask for mor volunteerz. Hoo wil help us?

TURKEY AND HER SPELING SISTEM.

WE doo not euzheuali regard the Turks az pyoneerz in edeukaishon. Yet thai hav forjd ahed in the mater ov reforming thair speling. Mr. H. Wood, korespondent ov the American United Press in Turkey, telz us that the Turks, hoo ar dreeming ov an independent Turkey in Europe, hav, despyt the distrakshonz ov wor, set tu werk tu maik thair langwij a seutabel instroument for aul nashonal perposez. Thai hav, for egzaampel, prohibited French, euzd hithertu in meni Government Departments, and Latin, euzd veri larjli by farmasists. But it iz the pozitiv syd ov thair polisi which iz moest interesting. Az the Arabic karakterz in which Turkish iz riten reprezent veri imperfektli the soundz ov the langwij, and az much latiteud in speling haz thairfor been aloud, a Government Komishon haz taiken in hand the taask ov regeularyzing the Turkish sistem.

A SKOOLMAASTER'Z EKSPEERIENS.

TYM WAISTED IN KOREKTING SPELING ERORZ.

THE vois from the skoolroom shood aulwaiz komaand atenshon in the proseedingz ov such a Sosyeti az ourz. The foloing iz the akteual ekspeeriens ov a hed maaster in wun ov the larjest London skoolz. He haz been draun intu our ranks—not by eni ov the rekrooting eforts ov the Simplifyd Speling Sosyeti, but throo the stres ov biter ekspeeriens:—

In sending heerwith my subskripshon tu eur Sosyeti, I shood lyk tu giv a konkreet egzaampel ov the waist ov tym involvd in lerning speling so ofen insisted on in mor jeneral termz by reformerz, which mai be ov interest tu reederz ov eur magazeen. It iz the rekord ov a klaas ov boiz nou aproeching the aij ov fourteen.

When thai enterd our department, everi wun ov them kood ryt a stori or a leter fonetikali if aloud tu doo so, and, apart from insidental korekshonz, wood hav needed but litel ferther instrukschon in hou tu spel; yet heer iz thair rekord:

Speling (akording tu ofishal tym-taibel), 364 ourz; ad at leest 50 per sent. for korekshonz ("keeping in"), 182 ourz. Toetal, 546 ourz.

Tu this must be aded at leest anuther 500 ourz, for a porshon ov neerli everi lesen in everi subjekt must be spent in lerning tu spel neu werdz, and everi riten eksersyz in histori, jeografi, English kompozishon, and so on, involvz speling korekshonz, so that theez partikeular boiz devoeted oever a thousand ourz—a hoel yeer ov skool lyf—in lerning hou *not* tu spel fonetikali, or, raather, in trying tu lern, for sum ov them ar stil veri shaiki.

Reesentli, too, I hav diskuverd anuther valeu for fonetik speling—its efekt on pronunsiashon. The klaas referd tu abuv konsists ov London boiz, hooz slipshod kokniizmz seemd absolootli ineradikabel, in spyt ov everi efort tu reform them, until sum ov thair koloekwializmz wer, skornfuli, riten fonetikali on the blakbord: "rouner korner" for "round the korner" and "outnyorl" for "out in the haul."

Under our prezent iregular sistem the speling ov a werd haz so litel relaishon tu its pronunsiashon that it iz kwyt posibel tu be aibel tu ryt wel and tu speek badli at the saim tym. The rezult ov "outnyorl" haz been serpryzing and led wun tu beleev that not oenli wood a grait saiving ov tym rezult from a reform in speling, but that thair wood enseu a grait ryz in the standerd ov pronunsiashon—in London, at eni rait.—Eurz faithfuli, (Synd) E. J. ORFORD.

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This leter, with its plain staitment ov plain fakts, iz a stryking indytmnt ov our prezent sistem. At forteen the London skoolboi haz obviusli no tym tu waist, yet heer we hav several duzenz drild and "kept in" for about a thousand ourz yeerli—aul that the antikwairian taists ov the feu mai be plakaited.

THE EFISHENSI OV THE YUNGER STEUDENT.

A KORESPONDENT hoo haz been studiing sum ov our statistiks on the saiving ov tym that myt be efekted by the eus ov rashonal speling telz us that it iz not dezyrabel tu saiv tym on edeukaishon. "The longer eu taik tu edeukait a chyld, the beter for him." We ar aulwaiz pleezd tu konsider eni novel kontra argeument, az the batel-kryz ov our adversariz hav by this tym lost thair ferst freshnes. But our korespondent's argeument haz, we feer, litel mor than novelti tu komend it. It iz not the tym that iz spent on edeukaishon, but the method ov spending it that kounts. The Aneual Konferens ov the American Euni-versitiz took up this veri point at thair laast meeting, when Prof. Lowell braut forwerd statistiks tu shoe the seupeerior keennes and efishensi ov the yunger steudent. The rezults ov an inkwyri at Harvard intu the relaishon ov the aij ov entering kolej tu kondukt and skolarship ar veri interesting.

Thai shoed that the boiz hoo enterd yunger wer beter behaidv and beter skolarz than the oelder wunz. The too kervz wer veri stryking. The kerv ov

marks went doun and the kerv ov sensheur went up az the aij inkreest. We found that the yunger men wer reprimaanded for smaul ofensez, but thair seerius ofensez wer feuer. On the uther hand, thai wer much beter skolarz. Thair ar too elements in the rezult. Wun ov them iz selekshon. The boi geting intu kolej at seventeen iz lykli tu be mor industrius and bryter than the boi hoo duz not paas hiz egzaminaishonz until nynteen. But I doo not think that akounts for the hoel diferens. Thair iz an aproepriait aij for eech kynd ov instrukshon, and it wood seem that, tu obtain the fool benefit ov jeneral instrukshon, the averij aij ov entering kolej shood be yunger than it iz in America tudai.

Wun myt, with fairnes, aply theez werdz tu the edeukaishonal siteuaishon at hoem. Tu speed up edeukaishon by remooving grateuitus difkultiz and konsentraiting on the real wunz iz shoorli the best method ov kombating diletantizm and sekeuring efshensi.

THE LOJIKAL FAKULTI IN CHILDREN.

MENI sykolojists hoeld that the lojikal fakulti in children under twelv iz week, aultho tu whot degree this iz deu tu wont ov training iz not kleeer. Wun ov the best instansez ov the prezens ov the reezoning fakulti in a yung chyld woz given by an anonimus ryter in an edeukaishonal paiper. Too litel gerlz hoo had been presented with an apel tu divyd wer diskusing the method ov partishon, eech evidentli mistrusting the uther'z sens ov fairnes. At laast wun chyld hit on a sistem enshooring ekwiti with pees. "Wun ov us wil divyd," she sed, "and the uther wil chooz."

An ekselent stori ov the reezoning fakulti az aplyd tu speling (whair, alas! thair iz les skoep for it than in eni uther braanch ov heuman lerning) iz toeld by Mis Ethel Gavin, ov Wimbledon Hill Skool. A litel boi, hoo had been at sum painz tu improov hiz speling, had riten wun dai in his eksersyz book the ekstraordinari formz, "wnife" and "knok." Theez, it woz diskuverd, he intended for "knife" and "know." He fernisht himself a reezonabel eksplanaishon. Boeth the *k* and the *w* (on the teecher'z authoriti) wer sylent leterz. Whot did it mater, sins thai wer not pronounst, whair thai wer plaist? Wun feelz sori that such a chyld shood hav no mor reezonabel sistem than the present on which tu eksersyz that deduktiv fakulti he undoutedli pozesez. Hiz reezoning rekaulz that ov Voltaire'z dauter on being toeld that "bread" must be pronounst "bred." Obviusli b-r-e-a-d did not spel "bred." Obviusli, aulso, tu the English it woz a mater ov indiferens hou far the pronunsiashon ov werdz departed from thair speling. Why not kaul it *pain*, and hav dun with it?

KORESPONDENS.

BARD LETERZ.

MR. HENRY DRUMMOND, Rydal Mount, Hetton-le-Hole, S.O.,
ryts:

I hav been interested in Ser William Ramsay's leter on "Bard Leterz." Several yeerz agoe I sused the saim devys tu Ser Isaac Pitman, and he set up sertin mater in the "Fonetik Jernal," akording tu my ydea. Uther peepel hav hit upon the saim method, but the plan duz not gain much suport. The komon objekshonz ar az set out by the Editor. The disadvaantij ov having tu run oever whot eu hav riten and ad sertin stroeks, insted ov ryting the werdz az a hoel, iz sertinli a strong argeument against bard stroeks, aultho I hav never found it erksom tu dot *i*'z and kros *t*'z, az sum peepel doo; nor shood I fynd it trubelsum if Ser William's devys wer in eus. I prezeum moest ryterz run oever whot thai hav riten. When dooing so the stroeks kood be aded. The strongest argeument that waiz with me iz the disfigeurement ov the printed paj. This iz faital tu the adopshon ov bard leterz.

THE EUS OV V AZ A VOUEL SIMBOL.

MR. JOSEPH HOGARTH, Johannesburg, hooz speling we retain, diskusez the klaimz ov *v* az the best reprezentaishon ov the short sound ov *oo*.

Az a konsonant it duz not sused a vouel sound; but, owing tu its apeerans and shaip, it duz strongli, veri strongli, sused the leter *u*, and the leter *u* suseds the short sound ov *oo*. In uther werdz, the averij reeder, on seeing a *v* in thoaz werdz in which he haz hithertoo aulwaiz seen a *u*, or utherwyz aseumz it tu bee intended for wun. In eether kais he iz led tu giv the korekt sound.

Thus, the folowing formz, "joyfvl, hoapfvl, pvt, pvlpit, pvsh, shvd, vvd," ets., ar aulmoast faks-similiz ov "joyful, hoapful, put," ets., espeshali when the typ euzd iz in italiks. No wun hooz atenshon iz konsentraid on the subjekt-mater ov hiz reeding wil trubel tu noat the diferens. If it iz admited that *v* iz a seutabel simbel for this sound, then its kumparison with the prezent syn *oo* wil indikait which iz the beter reprezentaishon. Thus, kumpair the folowing sentens, riten ferst with *oo* representing boath the long and short soundz, and agen with *oo* and *v*, for the long and short respektivli:—

The fool kairfooli poold a net fool ov fish out ov the pool.

The fool kairfvoli pold a net fol ov fish out ov the pool.

The voakal *v* not oanli akts az a distinktiv syn for this sound, but it mai bec obzervd that it givz a veri neet and kumpakt apeerans tu the hoal werd, thus maiking a konsiderabel kontrast tu the klumzines ov the dygrafs *uu*, *uo*, and *ue*. Whether the abuv iz a satisfaktori solooshon or not, I hoap wun wil soon bee found, and, whotever it iz, I am shoor it wil bee gladli reseevd.

I kloaz with just an aloozhon tu wun point which wil be apreeshiaited by sum reformerz. Neerli wun haaf, or three out ov seven, ov the korespondents euzd the dygraf *oa* insted ov *oe*.

MR. GUNDRY, ov Dhe Wissa Skool, Assiut, ryts:—

With serpryz and greef I fynd THE PYONEER, for too munths in suk-seshon, euzing dhe wun form *oo* for too distinkt soundz. Eu sternli reubeuk a ryter for "obliteraiting dhe distinkshon between dhe vouelz ov 'put' and 'shut,'" whyl eu eurselv wvd oblitterait dhat between dhoez ov "fool" and "full." Iz not dhe editorial pot heer kauling dhe korespondent's ketel blak? Dhis lysens iz against our prinsipelz; if it iz ekstended, dhe hoel alfabet myt be redeust tu about seven konsonants and fyv vouelz, which, az dhe lait unlamented Euklid eust tu sai, iz abserd.

But I set out tu pvt forth in fvl form whot I hav aulredi signifyd insidental—dhe klaimz ov *v* tu bee euzd az a vouel. Dhe English langwij

haz siks short, simpel vouel soundz, reprezented in dhe werdz "pat, pet, pit, pot, put, but." Eech ov dheez dezideraits a simpel vouel syn, for a dygraaf, by its naiteur, implyz a long or kompound sound. But, unforteenaitli, dhair ar oenli fyv singel vouel synz in English. So it iz evident dhat a remedi tu meet dhe kais kan not be redili devydz. But wun must be found.

Dhe lojikal wai wvd be tu emploi dhe *u* syn for "put," and tu invent a neu form for dhe neutral vouel ov "but." We ar not, however, out for lojik, but for praktikal methodz, and dhe Sosyeti haz rytli set its fais against neu formz. Besydz, *u* iz too kloesli weded tu dhe neutral sound tu be eezili disoesiaited from it. We must look for our dezideraitum elshwair. Dhe ryt plais for dhe aultraishon iz obviusli dhe "put" vouel, bekauz it iz dhe rairest. In my ordinari reeding I hav found oenli therti-too werdz (eksklooding kompoundz) in which it okerz, and it oenli apeerz wuns in dhe ferst too pajjez ov dhe laast PYONEER. On dhe udher hand, dhe veri komon termz "could, should, would" wvd serv tu giv eni neu substitute familiariiti.

V, az iz wel noen, woz in its orijin a vouel, but dhe Latinz, fynding dhemselvz kompeld tu euz it boeth az vouel and konsonant, invented dhe rounded form *u* for dhe vouel funkshon. Dhe oeld eus long servyvd, espeshali in inskripshonz. In Keltik, I think, *v* iz not found, nor iz dhe form noen in Russian. In German it iz ekwivalent tu *f*. In Anglo-Saxon *v* woz peurli a vouel; in Midel English it had boeth eusez, and so it remaind til wel intu dhe nynteenth senteuari. Such formz az "Vnderneath" ar stil graivd on toom-stoenz. Dhairfor, on a wyd veu, dhair iz no vyolent inovaishon in dhe eus ov *v* az a vouel.

Dhair being, dhen, a vaikansi dhat kraivz an okeupant, and a syn redi for eus, it remainz tu see whedher *v* wvd fit intu the gap. It mai be noeted dhat dhe konsonantal *v* duz not oker befor udher konsonants eksept dhe plooral terminaishon *-z* and dhe paast terminaishon *-d*, which ar eezili rekognydz. Aulso dhe konsonantal *v* never okerz widh dhe "put" vouel, so it wvd not be nesasari ever tu ryt *vv*, az it wvd if *v* wer euzd for dhe neutral vouel in "vulgar, luv," ets. Dhairfor *v* wil serv veri wel for dhe "put" vouel, if it be admited on aul forz widh our present eus ov *y*, which seemz tu giv satisfakshon.

Ov dhe aulternativz sjusted for dhe "put" vouel, *oo* iz obviusli imposibel; dhe udherz—*uu*, *ue*, *uo*—aul involv difikultiz, if not absoloot ambigeuitiz besydz dhe objekshon dhai inker az dygraafs. For instans, taik *uu*. If we try tu spel "impetuous," we prodeus "impeteuus," which myt konseevabli be red ydher *e+uu* or *eu+u*. Dhe saim iz dhe kais widh *ue* and *uo* in "fuel, duodecimal," ets. Dhairfor *v* seemz tu me at leest a komplet soleushon, and dhe oenli sound wun. Its eus az a vouel must kum.

MR. P. A. BOWRIE, ov 10 Cautley Avenue, Clapham Common, ryts diskusing several points tu which we shal retern. Heer we oenli giv whot he sez on the *oo* kwestion.

With regard tu Mr. Gundry's remarks on the *oo* kwestion, it duz not seem tu me ov such veri grait importans tu distingwish between the long and short soundz. In this konekshon *Y* hav ofen noetist that (among utherz) the Scotch and Irish freekwentli revers theez soundz, and pronouns (e.g.) "foot" with the long vouel sound and "boot" with the short! However, if a distinkshon *must* be maid, *Y* wood sjust *oo* for the long vouel and *u* for the short (which duz not oker in meni werdz) az wel az for the neutral vouel.

THE VOKABEULARI OV DIPLOMASI.

MR. HUGH RICHARDSON, Newcastle-on-Tyne, ryts:

I hav just been reeding the oepening pajjez ov a fraiz-book, *Der Deutsche in England*. Sum ait introduttori pajjez ar devoeted tu the

problem which iz heer kauld *Aussprache* (pronunsiashon); but it iz the saim az the problem we kaul speling, oenli inverted for the saik ov thoez hoo see the printed werd befor thai heer it spoeken.

In the event ov a komplette viktori by Germany, mai we not aseum that wun ov the termz ov serender demaanded from us wood be the komplette rashonalyzaishon ov English speling? It wood be kwyt az reezonabel a demaand az the propoezal tu dismember the German Empyr.

Ov vaiirus ydeaz floeting befor the werld thair seemz a jeneral agreement on the ekstenshon ov The Hague Korts and a dezyr for sum seupra-nashonal authoriti. A smauler number ov kleeer thinkerz ar looking for sum ekstenshon ov internashonal organyzaishon on the lynz ov the Weltpostverein, or Internashonal Poestal Eunion. For instans, Prof. Forel, ov Yvonne, in hiz reesent book, *Les États Unis de la Terre* (aulso publisht az *Die Vereinigten Staaten der Erde*) (Lausanne: E. Peytrequin, 60 sents), propoez an Internashonal Komishon tu deel with a Euniversal Langwij.

The need ov the moovment iz a set ov werdz ov definit teknikal meening—internashonal lau termz, and the lyk, which kan be euzd in internashonal diskushon in Switzerland on the syentifik kondishonz ov endeuring pees.

Wood it not be eusful tu egzamin our egzisting vokabeulari and *tu selekt for publik eus werdz hooz speling eu kan aproov? Thus—*

<i>Selekt (?)</i>		<i>Rejekt (?)</i>
perpeteual	eksternal	pees
preliminari	konstiteushon	treeti
artikelz	administraishon	wor
staitz	hostiliti	armiz
valid	kapiteulaishon	dets
seekret	sivil	trecheri
rezervaishon	republikan	lau
mateerial	federaishon	free
feuteur	sitzen	ryts
independent	euniversal	werld
nashonal	hospitaliti	
opinion	filosofer	

It iz a mater ov konsiderabel importans tu fynd eni set ov werdz or fraizez in which internashonal diskushon kan taik plais. "Punch" (at the tym ov the Berlin Kongres) reprezented Salisbury az aasking (Lansdowne? Disraeli?): "Whot's the French for 'kompromyz'?" At the tym ov the Agadir krysis, Ser Edward Grey woz sed not tu speak German.

So if eu kan doo enithing tu selekt a list ov werdz for diplomatik and syentifik eus—(a) egzakt in thair meeningz, (b) spelt az thai ar pronounst, and (c) rezembling werdz kurent in French or German—such a vokabeulari wood be moest eusful az a basis for a fraiz-book.

Wun kan imajin the proeses taiking plais not by abrupt chainj yther tu Simplifyd Speling or tu Esperanto, but by gradeual replaisment ov mis-spelt werdz ov tripel *entendre* (lyk "pees") and substiteushon for them ov werdz ov definit meening and kleeer speling (lyk Organzyzaishon English, Organzyzaishon French, Organzyzaishon German). Kan eu doo enithing in this mater?

PREESEPT—AND EGZAAMPEL.

Wuns mor haz wun ov our distingwisht Vys-Prezidents paastawai — Ser James Murray—and, in a byografikal noetis ov hiz lyf and werk, ekstending tu neerli too kolumz in the "Times," thair iz nuthing tu indikait that he woz an advokait ov speling reform! This iz veri disapointing tu the ordinari member ov the S.S.S., hoo, not unnaturali, konsoelz himself, in the fais ov opozishon and ridikeul, by the thaut ov hiz distingwisht asoeshiaits, if I mai so

kaul them. I remember a frend ov myn tu hoom I had riten in S.S., and sent the Sosyeti'z prospektus, replying: "Wel, if eu er, eu sertainli doo so in good kumpani!" But if the "good kumpani" konsider speling reform ov so litel importans that thair advokasi ov it iz not eeven noen tu thair byograferz, the valeu ov thair naimz az Vys-Prezidents ov the S.S.S. iz les than it myt be—tu poot it myldli.

And this bringz me tu my point, which iz that *the best wai tu kaul atenshon tu, and tu spread a nolej ov, speling reform iz by aulwaiz euzing simplifikai-shonz in wun'z oen korespondens.*

If the ofis-bairerz and aul the memberz ov the S.S.S. wood maik a point ov dooing this, the keumeulativ efekt wood in tym be tremendus. Partikeularli so in the kais ov korespondens in the pres, and if the pres wil insert korespondens kontaining sertain simplifikaishonz in speling from unnoen individuealz lyk myself—az thai hav repeatedli dun—thai wil sertainli insert that ov wel noen men. Troo, Simplifyd Speling mai be sed tu be oenli, az yet, a tentativ skeem, but the mor obvius simplifikaishonz, such az thoez tu which I refer, ar not tentativ. Thai must form part ov eni mezher ov reform and be permanent. I meen simplifikaishonz such az "ar, aktiv, det, dout, engin, hav, program, tho, wer." A foot-noet tu wun'z leter, tu the efekt that the unkonvenshonal speling iz intenshonal, iz aul the eksplanaishon nesesari, or wun ov the Sosyeti'z litel adheesiv laibelz bairing the werdz "Simplifyd Speling," tu which kan be aded "partial," wil serv the perpos. An ouns ov egzaampel iz werth a pound ov presept, and if a man, or wooman, wil persist in euzing *ever so feu* simplifikaishonz in speling, the fakt wil not be oeverlookt by hiz byograferz or forgotten by hiz frendz, and the kauz ov speling reform wil be so much advaanst thairby. I am not for a moement weekening in my beleef that in a kompleet skeem ov reform lyz the eventueal remedi for our egzisting ilojikal orthografi, but wun kan *aulwaiz* euz parshal reformz, but veri railri the kompleet S.S. skeem.

Leterz from Ser William Ramsay, hoo haz, I think, advokaited the eus ov S.S. in theez kolumz, and from Mr. H. G. Wells, on subjekts relaiting tu the Wor, hav laitli been given grait prominens in the pres. If theez jentelmen had euzd eeven a feu simplifikaishonz in the speling ov theez leterz, whot a splendid stroek ov werk thai wood hav dun for the kauz ov speling reform—mor than kood be dun by fifti leterz in the provinshal pres from—Eurz, ets.,

ANDREW BRODRICK.

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August 15, 1915.

Dutch in a Year.

The Dutch reformd thair speling 133 yeerz agoe. Dutch children lern tu reed thuroeli in a yeer by meenz ov the reformd alfabet, tho the speling ov Dutch iz not entyrl fonetik.—DR. V. W. BIKKERS.

Look at it Kaamli.

Simplifyd Speling at ferst glaans seemz lyk a krooel slauter ov shaidi treez and pet berdz and the famili dog; but if wun wil look at the mater kaamli he wil see that it iz no destrukshon at aul, but iz reali an improovment on the oeld hous, a triming ov the hej, a mending ov aul the oeld fensez, a maiking ov a ternpyk whair thair haz been too long a mud-roed, and the hanging ov a neet gait whair our faatherz wer went to tu let donn hevi barz. We aut tu maik a distinkshon between meer feelingz and *reezonabel* feelingz, for if we hav permitted ourselvz tu bekum so atacht tu an oeld wooden plou that we wood not ekschainj it for the best steel wun, we ar not personz ov deep feelingz, but raather ov deep baibhood and steupiditi. The heuman rais that wil from deliberait chois spel the werd "program" "programme," and "tizik" "phthisic," and which, when its foli iz pointed tu, wil proseed tu aferm that it preferz the longest wai ov speling a werd, shoob be kompeld tu goe bak tu kanal-boets and pak-horsez and dipt kandelz, and tu sermonz too ourz' long! Proegres iz a euniversal moovment ov aul thingz.—REV. DAVID OVIES.

NOETS AND NEUZ.

The membership ov the Sosyeti nou numberz 2517.

Simplifyd Speling in Biznes.

Sins ryting our apeel tu biznes men tu euz wun or too simplifikaishonz, we hav reseevd from Mr. Andrew Brodrick, wun ov our memberz, a spesimen ov a biznes staitment euzd by hiz ferm, in which the spelingz "purchast, shipt, fixt," oker. This iz a step in the ryt direkshon, and wun which we komend tu the atenshon ov our reederz. Hoo els wil volunteer? Shoorli the moest konservativ biznes man kood not objekt tu theez simplifyd paast partisipelz, for which, indeed, thair iz good literari presedent.

Simplifyd Speling at the Edeukaishonal Institueit ov Scotland.

Veri meni ov the teecherz hoo atended the E.I.S. Konferens in Edinburgh laast munth vizited the Simplifyd Speling staul at the Publisherz' Eksibishon. The sentral feeteur ov interest woz ov kors the neu edishon ov our *Ferst Reeder*, which, in its ferst edishon, haz aulredi acheevd such konvinsing rezults in the Scottish skool eksperiment. Several ov the teecherz baut kopiz ov the *Reeder*, and we ar hoepful that thai mai inishiat similar eksperiments. Wer this dun jenerali, the werk ov the Sosyeti wood be mor than haaf akomplisht. We ar konfident that an apeel tu teecherz wil not be maid in vain. The teecher hoo iz indiferent tu the posibilitiz ov obtaining rapid and trustwerthi rezults iz the ekeshon.

Problemz ov Pronunsiashon.

Adverting tu the artikel "Misleeding Werdz" in the August "Pyoneer," Mr. L. H. Leadley, York, ryts :—Oing tu our faulti speling, wun rairli noez hou tu pronouns neu werdz—e.g. "margarine, garage, kinematograph, cinema." The werd "hegemony" iz veri evident theez daiz, and I fynd the dikshonariz giv diferent pronunsiashonz. Skoolboiz jenerali mispronouns "fiend" and "awry," "slough" and "sough, chasm." Ov kors, "intelijent" boiz ar just az much at see az the utherz, for thair iz no sens in our speling.

A Korekshon.

Mr. T. Elderkin ryts (euzing hiz oen skeem ov speling): "Mr. Meff erroneusli menshunz Prof. Ostwald az an enthuizastik adheerent ov Esperanto. He waz at wun tym, but he waz elektet wun ov a Komiti apointed bi dhe deligaitis ov vareus lurned sosyetiz tu maik a chois ov an internashunal langwij. Dhis Komiti sat in 1907, and dhai desyded on a projekt ov reform ov Esperanto kauld 'Ido,' subjekt tu sertin modifikaishonz. Up tu kwyt resentli, at eni rait, Prof. Ostwald waz stil konekted widh dhis muuvment, dho Y see he iz no longer Prezident. Ido iz much eezier for a Western European tu lurn dhan iz Esperanto, and it wood be but slytli egzajeraiting tu sai dhat it kan be red at syt bi wun noing a Latin langwij and English. It haz dhe seereus theoretikal disadvantej, which iz doutles a praktikal advantej, ov admiting dhe dygraafs *ch* and *sh* for dhe Esperanto aksentet leterz; also it haz *qu* for *qv* az a konseshun tu internashunal yusej. Y shal be pleezd tu giv furdher partikularz tu eniwun interested."

Loekal Aksents.

We doo not noe whether our Transatlantic kuzinz wil be flaterd or displeezd by a noetis which apeerz oever a prominent tobakonist's in Oxford Street—"American spoeken heer." The insident rekaulz a pasij in Boswell, whair the byografer permits himself tu be diverted for an instant from hiz grait subjekt by the fasinaiting topik ov individeal and loekal aksents. Aafter

kounseling hiz kuntrimen not tu faul into the eror ov straining aafter a "High English," which, whyl far remoovd from Scotch, iz by no meenz good English, he givz, az an instans ov the pronunsiashon which he wood rekomend tu hiz kuntrimen, that ov the then Erl ov Marchmont.

The inkwyring mynd wil be aibel tu form a noeshon ov whot the Erl'z pronunsiashon woz from the foloing stori relaited by himself tu Boswell:—

The maaster ov a shop in London whair he woz not noen sed tu him: "I supoez, ser, eu ar an American." "Why so, ser?" sed hiz lordship. "Bekauz, ser," eksplained the shop-keeper, "eu speek nyther English nor Scotch, but sumthing diferent from boeth, which I konklood iz the langwij ov America."

Boswell'z Aksent.

That Boswell woz at sum painz tu perfekt hiz pronunsiashon he himself aknolejez. He had lesonz, he telz us, from a faimus aktor ov Drury Lane Theatre, hoo plaid at Edinburgh, and aulso from oeld Mr. Sheridan. Karakteristikali, he saut Johnson'z opinon ov hiz aksent, and, tho the saij'z komendai-shon woz given sumwhot gardedli—"Ser, eur pronunsiashon iz not ofensiv"—Boswell eksprest himself az "priti wel satisfyd with the konseshon." The problem ov loekal aksents ternz up fairli regeularli in diskushonz on speling reform, but it iz a difikulti which, lyk meni anuther boegi, disapeerz az soon az wun kumz tu grips with it. The foloing testimoni from a Scotch member mai be interesting:—

"I hav never had eni real difikulti with the Simplifyd Speling skeem, aultho my aksent iz ov the North. The skeem seemz tu me tu taik the graitest komon denominaitor for aul the aksents from John o' Groats tu Land'z End. It iz troo that I hav had tu lern tu poot a long *a* in 'maaster' and 'raather,' whair the nateural man in me wood poot a short; but I am by no meenz sori that my atenshon shood be thus kauld tu the euzijez in a form ov English which iz, aafter aul, the English ov the bulk ov edeukaited peepel."

The lait Mr. John Wilson and Reformd Speling.

Therti yeerz agoe, when Mr. John Wilson, ov Durham, ferst kontested the Houghton Divizhon, in 1885, he woz aaskt by wun ov our memberz whether he faivord a simplifikaishon ov English speling. Dr. Wilson replyd in the afermativ. A feu daiz laiter he sent a fuler reply tu hiz kwestioner. The reply woz karakteristik. He sed:

"I feer veri much that eu wood think my aanser tu eur kwestion *re* the simplifikaishon ov orthografi raather evaisiv. On that point it haz trubeld me, for I lyk plain deeling. I spoek in a jeneral sens, and on the simpel eus ov our langwij, whyl eur kwestion referd tu the konstruksbon ov it. For a long tym I hav thaut our langwij ugli (tu euz a plain term) in its maik-up. We hav a number ov werdz which ar at the antipodeez ov thair fonetik rendering, and thairfor shood be aulterd. Even the werdz 'phonetic' and 'orthography' ar. It wood be far mor nateural tu euz *f* insted ov *ph*.

"I am in faivor ov fonetik speling, but I think it wil hav tu be a gradeual chainj. The langwij ov a peepel, lyk thair habits, iz hard tu chainj."

The Krooked Paath.

Wun dai throo the prymeeval wood,
A kaaf waukt hoem, az good kaavz shood;
But maid a trail aul bent askeu,
A krooked trail, az aul kaavz doo.

And from that dai, o'er hil and glaid,
Throo thoez oeld woodz a paath woz maid;
And meni men wound in and out,

And dojd and ternd and bent about ;
 And uterd werdz ov rytius raath,
 Bekauz 't woz such a krooked paath.

The yeerz paast on in swiftnes fleet ;
 The roed bekaim a vilij street,
 And this, befor thai wer awair,
 A siti'z krouded thuroefair.

A hundred thousand men wer led
 By wun kaaf neer thre senteuriz ded.
 Thai foloed stil hiz krooked wai,
 And lost wun hundred yeerz a dai ;
 For such a reverens iz lent
 Tu wel-establist presedent.

Speling reformerz aut tu be aibel tu maik efektiv eus ov the abuv. It adz tu the delishus yroni ov the situaihsion that the werd *orthos*, forming part ov the kompound *orthography*, meenz literali "strait."

Dailyt Saiving.

The lyting restriksionz hav poot the dailyt-saiving kampain on a neu footing. The averij sitizen fyndz that it iz nyther saif nor plezant tu maik hiz wai throo darkend streets, and looks with diferent yz on the prospekt ov an aulteraishon in the nashonal tym-taibel. Yet we fynd stil an amaizing amount ov inershia and prejooidis on the subjekt. So sensibel a neuspaipeer az the "Daily Telegraph" minimizez the valeu ov the moovment on the ground that the orijinaitor iz ded. But he wood not be the ferst reformer hoo had not livd tu see the foolfilment ov hiz laiborz.

The Mistrust ov Simplisiti.

Mr. Willett's ydea iz, we feer, too simpel and sensibel tu be imeediaitli popular. Lyk the reform ov speling, it evoeks mistrust throo its veri simplisiti and obviusnes. A ryter hoo had been viziting the hoem ov an artist-frend sed that hiz ferst impreshon ov the hous and its apointments woz wun ov dislyk. Everithing woz so simpel, so obvius, so unornamented that the efekt woz *bizarre* in the ekstreem. Az he livd in the hous, he began tu see that the artifizialiti lai in hiz preekonsephshon ov thingz and not in whot he sau. Kuming from the outsyd werld whair simplisiti iz mistrusted and onest plainnes despyzd, he had mistaiken the direkt for the indirekt, the nateural for the grotesk. Hou ofen hav we not herd simplifyd speling kritisyzd for its kompleksiti! But the kritisizm reboundz aulwaiz on the hed ov the kritik.

Neu Indian Braanch.

From India kumz good neuz that the batel lyn iz tu be ekstended tu the Eunyted Provinsez, whair Prof. Stanley Jevons, ov Allahabad Euniversiti, iz forming a neu Braanch. Sins hiz Indian apointment, Prof. Jevons iz no longer aibel tu serv on our Komiti, but he iz dooing probabli a graiter servis in thus strengthening the moovment in India. He iz wel fited, from his akeut and vigorus intelijens, tu be a pyoneer in the moovment, and we ekspekt soon tu heer enkurijing rezults.

A Neu Vys-Prezident—Dr. Mahaffy.

It iz with plezher that we welkum Dr. Pentland Mahaffy, C.V.O., M.A., D.D., Profesor Emeritus ov Ainshent Histori in Trinitie Kolej, Dublin, az a Vys-Prezident ov our Sosyeti. Dr. Mahaffy'z Hellenistic studiz hav wun rekognishon from moest ov the important senterz ov European lerning. Besydz being a D.C.L. ov Oxford, he iz an LL.D. ov Athens, a Phil.D. ov Louvain, an Onorari Member ov the Akademi ov Syensez in Utrecht, ov the Parnassus at Athens, ov the Lincei at Rome. Ov hiz meni publistht werks, we kan menshon oenli a feu:—

Kant's Critical Philosophy for English Readers, Lectures on Primitive Civilization, Greek Life and Thought from Alexander to the Roman Conquest, Alexander's Empire, The Silver Age of the Greek World. He beleevz that a rashonal spelling sistem wood render the English tung "a praktikal and handi komon langwij," such az the Greek spoeken in the Hellenistic kapitalz and the Latin ov medieeval Europe, and it iz in the hoep ov thus ekstending the skoep and infloens ov our deer naitiv tung that he lendz the Sosyeti hiz simpathi and help.

PRES KUTINGZ.

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LETERTZ ERNESTLI ADVOKAITING THE ADOPSHON OV A REFORMD SPELING apeerd in: *Bookseller, Chamber of Commerce Journal, Daily News, Educational News, Globe (2 leterz), Journal of Education, Kelso Mail (2 leterz), Leicester Post (2 leterz), Newcastle Journal, Pitman's Journal, Schoolmaster (3 leterz), Scotsman (2 leterz), Sheffield Independent (2 leterz), Yorkshire Post (4 leterz).*

ARTIKELZ MENSHPNING SPELING REFORM wer noeted in: *British Esperantist, Dundee Advertiser, Educational News, London Evening News, Newspaper World (5 tymz), New Statesman, Observer, Pitman's Journal, Schoolmaster, Western Mail.*

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