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“RING OUT THE OELD, RING IN THE NYU.”

AZ we send out the laast number ov **THE PIONEER** for 1912, az we gaiz bac on the wurc ov the paast yeer, we can not refrain from feeling a sens ov satisfacshon, not unmingld with regret.

We ar satisfied becauz we ar beginning tu see rezults. The ideoa ov speling reform haz been braut tu the noetis ov thoez interested in the English langwij in a wai which haz comaanded thair urnest atenshon. Amung thoez hu hav joind us ar men and wimen in the frunt ranc ov our nashonal lief. The list ov memberz, which wil shortli be isyud, wil be welcumd az convinsing evidens ov the wai in which our cauz apeelz not oenli tu the edyucaishonist, but tu the scolar, the sientist, the biznes man—indeed, tu intelijent men and wimen in everi caulng.

We ar satisfied with the rezults ov the lectyurz that hav been deliverd. Thai hav shoen that opozishon iz mainli dyu tu insufishent thaut about the subject. Again and again we hav hurd at the end ov a lectyur the confeshon: “I caim biterli opoezd, but yur argyuments ar unaanserabl; I had not realizezd hou much we sufer from the prezent speling and hou much advaantij we shood deriev from a speling that iz rashonal.” In conversaishon, tu, we fiend hou meni hav not egzamind for themselvz the validiti ov the claimz bi which consurvatizm strievz tu boelster up the convenshonal speling.

We ar satisfied with the rezults ov the Esai Competishon. Men and wimen, not oenli in Great Britain, but in Canada, Australia, and the United States, hav sent us mateerial which wil graitle help us in our campain. We hoep that it mai be posibl tu reprint a

selecshon from the esaiz submitted ; it wood prezent the problem ov speling reform from meni points ov vyu, sum ov which hav not yet been fuli delt with in our publicaishonz. We ar confident that the peruuzal ov such a booc wood surv tu cleer the ideaz ov the man in the street—and the man in the nyuzpaiper ofis.

We haisen tu ad that we apreeshiait the help aforded bi the pres ; it haz ecseeded our ecspectaishonz. Truu, nou and then, thair hav been atacs : sum wel ment, but baist on insufishent nolej ov the problem az a hoel or ov our sceem in partycular ; sum faasening on deetailz in our speling and betraiiing ignorans ov the spoecen langwij ; sum—veri fyu—franchi abusiv and vulgar. Thair haz been ridicyul ; it leevz us unmuuvd. Thair haz been good-hyumord banter, which we hav enjoid. Thair haz aulso been a good deel ov apreesiaishon and ov thautful coment, for which we ar aulwaiz graitful. The critic hu oenli pics hoelz duz not help us ; we noe the weec points ov our sceem probabli beter than eni critic. Constructiv criticizm iz whot we sinseerli apreeshiait ; and meni, espeshali amung our memberz, ar helping us in this direcshon.

We ar satisfied with the interest that iz being arouzd in cwestionz ov pronunsiashon. From the outset we hav dwelt on the importans ov this aspect ov our wurc. We must continyu tu impres on aul hu luv the English langwij that a rashonal speling aloen wil leed tu pyuriti ov speech and counteract the tendensi ov English tu split up into a number ov dialects. We must hav a standerd speech.

We hav much reezon tu be satisfied. Yet thair iz regret aulso, az we looc bac. We hav dun sumthing ; but hou much mor we cood hav dun if we had had mor muni ! The feeld tu be cuverd iz so wied. We ar thincing not oenli ov the cuming jeneraishonz in this cuntri ; the children ov the dominionz beyond the seez apeel tu us—the children ov the United States, the ever groing number ov children in forin landz hu wil lurn our langwij, or wood lurn it if thair wer not the teribl obstacl ov our speling. Hu iz so selfish, so dul ov imajinaishon, that the apeel duz not stur hiz hart ? Help, then, az far az liez in yur pouer.

Everi yeer oepeniz up fresh posibilitiz for the sound edyucaishon ov the chield, afordz fresh glimpsez intu the bairli ecsplord relm ov the chield miend. We ar striving bi aul the meenz in our pozeshon tu train the reezoning pouerz ov the chield without impairing hiz fansi. We woch litl Italian children traising, under the giedans ov Signora Montessori, the formz ov leterz and lurning tu riet without further trubl, becauz thair langwij haz a rashonal speling ; thai can

ecspres thair thauts in the nyu meedium without feer. We woch Jaques-Dalcroze and hiz sics pyupilz from Geneva, hu ecspres themselvz in living rithmz, and we rejois at it becauz thai hav lurnt the leson ov intelijent self-controel and delietful self-activiti. The daiz ov bliend submishon tu authoriti ar cuming tu an end.

Our wurc iz cloesli relaited tu that ov Montessori and ov Jaques-Dalcroze, tu that ov everi truu edyucaitor ov the yung. It iz cloesli relaited, tu, tu the grait wurc ov Pitman, huuz memori we onor in this number. We march with theez pioneerz, inspierd bi similar iedealz. Liec them we hav an uphil fiet, but whot ov that? Haz eni grait reform been maid without encountering atac and ridicyul? Haz eni muuvment been undertaicen for a wurthier cauz? We hav ever befor our iez the hoep ov secyuring, for the jeneraishonz tu cum, a beter training ov speech and miend, the substityushon ov reezon for unreezon, the enhanst efishensi ov the English-speecing peeplz, the byutifying and the spred ov our langwij.

Az we looc forwerd tu anuther yeer ov urnest, unremiting endeavor, it iz fiting that we shoold sai with Tennyson, hu woz a speling reformer tu:

*Ring out the oeld, ring in the nyu,
Ring, hapi belz, acros the snee;
The yeer iz going, let him goe;
Ring out the fauls, ring in the truu.*

ISAAC PITMAN.

ISAAC PITMAN woz no ordinari yuth. Az a lad he red boocs meni men never thinc ov reeding or hav eni nolej ov. The English clasics wer devourd with aviditi, and he trezherd the jemz ov thaut which dect the printed paj. Hiz intelijens enaibld him tu understand whot he red, but it did not ecwip him tu divien the pronunsiashon ov wurdz which met hiz vizhon. When he voist the sentiments ov Addison or the fansi ov Milton or Homer, he discuverd a disimilariti between the naimz he gaiv tu the wurdz and the soundz acorded tu them bi hiz faather and frendz. This dispariti sent him tu Walker. Thinc ov a lad going voluntarili tu a dicshonari—and, mor, tu reed it thru! He maid a list ov the wurdz mispronounst, numbering tu thouzand. Huever confest tu tu erorz in pronunsiashon, let aloen tu thouzand? Pitman did. The yuth proclaimd the man. Hiz self-impeozd taasc led him far in the yeerz tu cum. He ponderd oever this rejiment ov erorz, noeted the

niesitiz ov pronunsiashon Walker had indicaited, comited them tu memori, and unlurnt the incoret naimz he had unwitingli cultivaited thru a misleeding and ilojical speling. Heer began hiz speling reform career. Laiter he re-red the dicshonari—an urli indicaishon ov the doged persistensi which caracteriezd hiz eventful and noebel lief.

Cood thair be a graiter condemnaishon ov English speling az a gied tu corect pronunsiashon, or a mor convinsing cais for its reformaishon, than the ecspeeriens ov yung Pitman? Whot such an intelijent yuth az he underwent milionz upon milionz ar compeld tu undergoe. With this diferens: he corected hiz mistaics against irashonaliti at grait cost; thair reppet thairz, lacing hiz intelijens and perseveerans. No yuth shood pai such a toel tu lurn tu speec and reed hiz muther tung corectli. So thairt and wurct Isaac Pitman; for hiz subsecwent lief woz iether a preparaishon or an efort with unremiting zeel tu remuuv or braic the shaclz with which our orthografi biendz the miendz ov children when acwiering a nolej ov the English langwij.

Pitman's studi ov the dicshonari led him tu lurn shorthand; this begat, in 1837, hiz oen sistem, Fonografi; from it isyud Fonotipi, in 1843. The yutiliti ov a fonetic script pruuvd so helpful in comunicaiting with fonograferz that he conseevd the ieeda ov inventing nyu caracterz for a natyural alfabet. Truuli a lojical and yusful inoevaishon, and cwiet practical, so he thaut. He lurnt yeez aafterwerdz that the wurld woz not compoezd ov Isaac Pitmanz. Aultho Fonografi haz wun yunivursal recognishon, it woz declaird bi an ecspert reporter that "az a sistem ov shorthand it woz *uterli impracticabl*"! And a clurjiman claast it, along with uther thingz, az "staucing-horsez behiend which the moest Satanic liez and the moest absurd blasfemiz ar sent forth against the Wurd ov God"! The good man subsecwentli withdruu the sili charj. Similar croecerz stil egzist. Aultho the fonetic ieeda had been emplotd stenograficali prior tu the burth ov Fonografi, he woz not awair ov it, and dezurvz the credit ov hiting upon a natyural devies for recording the riten and spoecen langwijez. Perhaps thair woz sum ecscyus for the croecerz' revoelt against the promulgaishon ov so revoluushonari an inoevaishon. The nurvus must needz be protected, eeven at the cost ov truuth and reezon!

The launching ov the Fonotipic alfabet woz the begining ov endles sceemz, which had thair dai and seest tu be. A coepius literatyur in the nyu print woz²publisht, such az *Paradise Lost*, the

Psalms, Proverbs, the Bible, Evangeline, Outlines of Astronomy, An English Grammar, and nyumerus uther publicaishonz, besiedz a countles' number ov pamphlets, leeflets, ets. Lectyurz, adresez, lesonz wer given and peeriodicalz isyud in furtherans ov the nyu muuvment. Meni puer children wer taut tu reed in a veri short tiem bi the fonetic mishonariz, espeshali bi Benn and Henry¹Pitman.

No dout hiz sensitiv naityur and faithfulness tu hiz reezon ran him intu much los and not a litl fricshon with hiz co-wurcerz. If a beter iedea flasht acros hiz brain, he wood, aafter ecsperimenting with it, "scrap" hiz oeld tiep, or destroi no end ov valyubl printed mater, without the slietest compuncshon or greef. He aimd at "perfecshon," at whotever cost, finanshali or pursonali. He re-cwierd litl see-ruum tu turn, and he did so rapidli, regardles ov cost. Aafter thurtti-seven yeez ov a ful fonotipic propaganda he boud tu the tied ov opozishon and the inurshia tu emploi nyu leterz. The atemt tu introdyus nyu leterz cost him sum £20,000, and cauzd Dr. Ellis tu drop about £8,000. Pitman'z revenyu caim from profits deriev'd from hiz Fonografic boocs. Had it not been for this the contest for the establishment ov a fonotipic alfabet must hav been shortliv'd, and posibli Pitman'z eforts wood then hav been devoeted tu promoeting a fonetic sentiment mor in ceeping with the consurvativ instincts ov the British public: he wood hav held on tu the oeld-leter iedea with the saim tenasiti az he had tu the fonotipic.

For the remaining twenti yeez ov hiz lief he devoeted himself tu the furtherans ov a fonetic alfabet without nyu leterz; aulso les radical propoezalz, az the compieling ov *The Five Rules* or with *The Three Rules*, compriezing sujestionz for the omishon ov needles leterz. Dyuring the cloezing yeez ov hiz lief he spent £1,000 a yeer in prosecyuting the fonetic cruusaid.

Hiz editorship ov the "Phonotypic Journal," "Phonetic Journal," and the "Speler," az speling reform organz, cuverz a peeriod ov mor than fifti-tu yeez' jurnalistic ecspeeriens, and iz no meen record, tu sai nuthing ov hiz fonografic peeriodicalz and the transcripshon ov a liebrari ov fonografic boocs, compriezing²the *Bible*, Macaulay'z *Essays*, Milton, and uther standerd wurcs byutifuli lithograaft bi hiz oen hand.

Tu the prezent jeneraishon Sur Isaac Pitman iz noen az the inventor ov Fonografi. The bulc ov thoez hu wil du onor tu hiz wun hundredth burthdai necst munth wil aplaud hiz fonografic faim and proclaim the marvelous developments and wurld-wied wurth ov Fonografi. We join them with aul our hart, with the feeling that

wër he tu speec tu the asembl'd craaftsmen, he wood sai: "I luv Fonografi, but I luv Fonotipi mor. I bid yu du the saim."

H. DRUMMOND.

NYU LETERZ.

"I noe from long and costli ecspereiens the trubl and escpens ov nyu tieps: in inventing, in cuting, in caasting, in yuzing; in arainjing printer'z caizez tu hoeld them; in paining for the ecstra tiem and dificulti in seting them; in adapting convenient script leterz for the rieter'z yus, and in prevailing upon, furst wun'z oen hand and miend, and then uther pursonz' handz and miendz, tu emploï them redili for aul purposez ov ordinari rieting. Even if aul printing houzez wer generali faivorabl tu a chainj ov speling (which iz az far az posibl from being the cais az yet), it wood cost yeerz ov tiem, and hundredz ov thousandz ov poundz, tu suplie eeven the nyuzpaiperz nou printed in English with the recwizit tiep, and eeven then hundredz ov printing ofisez wood be without them. Nyu tieps I nou noe tu be Utopian. Aul diacriticali marct leterz recwier nyu tieps tu be cut, and ar hens nyu leterz tu the printer, and must be ecsclosed."—A. J. ELLIS. (1880.)

"For meni yeerz I did not thinc it advieabl tu riet foneticali with oeld leterz; but the lojic ov facts, the laps ov tiem, and ecstended intercors with meni miendz, hav led me tu chainj mi opinion. Thair iz wiespred dezier tu see whot can be dun with the oeld alfabet."—ISAAC PITMAN. (1880.)

When Ellis and Pitman roet this thai had had mor than thurti yeerz ov costli ecspereiens. In wun yeer Ellis paid £570 for punchez, and he lost oever £6,000 in a comparativli short tiem. Pitman needed aul hiz vaast profits from the shorthand boocs tu ceep hiz hed abuv wauter.

OUR PRONUNSAISHON.

THE valy ov vouelz in unstrest silablz continyuz tu interest our reederz. Wun ov the unfortyunit rezults ov our reched speling iz just this: that grait diversiti prevailz in the pronunsaishon ov unstrest vouelz. The natyural tendensi in a Teutonic langwij iz tu uter the strest silablz forsibli and tu weecen the unstrest. This haz been the cais in naitiv wurdz. Az in German, the unstrest vouelz hav disapeerd, or been redyust tu the nyutral vouel or tu a luus *i* sound. This hapend urli, and the speling thairfor recordz the chainj. The non-Teutonic elements in our vocabyulari containd uther vouelz, pronounst in vairius waiz acording tu the tiem ov thair introduchon; the speling ofen retainz theez vouelz. In speech thai ar treeted in no yuniformal wai. In oratorical speech distincshonz mai be hurd that ar not maid in ordinari (not the saim az cairles) pronunsaishon. In northern English the unstrest vouelz shoe mor varietati than in suthern English.

We natyurali wont the speling tu reprezent the best form ov English speech. If oenli we had a yunivursali recogniezd and wel-defiend standerd! It iz, ov cors, posibl tu egzajerait the amount ov unsurtinti. We must not luuz siet ov the fact that thair ar meni points about which edyucaited speecerz ov English ar agreed. The consonants giv litl dificulti; moest ov the strest short vouelz shoe litl vairiaishon; eeven the long vouelz and difthongz duu not prezent ecsesiv dificultiz. Our reederz hav critisiezd our chois ov leterz or diegrafs for theez soundz raather than the pronunsaishon which our speling reprezents. When we cum tu the unstrest vouelz it iz diferent; and this we realizezd when we druu up our sceem.

Iz it dezierabl tu restor varietati? Whot ciend ov speech ar we tu recomend? It seemz priti cleer that we shoold select a cairful form ov speech az the basis ov the speling; but hou far iz it tu be in agreement with prezent custom? Until that cwestion iz aanserd we hav thaut it best tu adheer in the main tu the prezent speling ov unstrest vouelz. We spel "teecher" and "scolar," "laitent"

and "blaitant," "iedl" and "iedol." If such formz ar fienali adopted it wil lead tu a distinct diferens ov pronunsiashon, which mai or mai not be an impruuvment ov our langwij. It iz wun ov the moest important points tu be setld bi the Conferens on Stander Speech which iz so urjentli needed. When wuns we ar aibl tu sai tu our teecherz, "This iz the wai in which yu and yur pyupilz shoold reed aloud and resiet," then the proper speling ov the unstrest silablz wil be setld tu.

In this conecshon referens mai be maid tu a speling which haz distrest sum ov our reederz. It iz a wel noen feetyur in English that a noun ofen haz a diferent stres from the coresponding vurb: for instans, "présent" and "prezént," "pródyus" and "prodyús." That the vurb haz the stres on the second silabl iz doutles dyu tu inflected formz liec "prezented, presenting." For the saim reezon we duu not pronouns the ajectiv "separate" and the vurb "separate" in the saim wai. In the vurb thair iz a secondari stres on the thurd silabl, which consecwenti haz the saim valyu az in "separated, separating." In S.S. we spel the vurb "separait"; the ajectiv, however, haz no such secondari stres, and the vouel iz redyust. Whot duz it becum? It becumz the saim sound az that hurd in "passage." We hav maintaind that moest edyucaited speecerz heer yuz a luus *i* sound; uthertz giv it sumthing neerer tu the valyu ov *e* in "pen." Thair ar sum hu in the ajectiv "separate" and the noun "passage" wood raather yuz the ful difthong. It wood seem that tu be consistent thai shoold aulso giv the ful valyu tu the second *e* ov "présent" and the *yu* ov "pródyus." We duu not sai that thair iz eni inheerent objecshon tu this, but the fact remainz that moest edyucaited speecerz wood caul this "pedantic," or at leest fail tu yuz such pronunsiashonz themselvz.

SPELING PROBLEMZ.

When discussing the trublsom *uu*, *yu* cwestion we did not refer tu a leter from Mr. C. F. Crawley, ov the Naival Obzurvatori, Washington, D.C., becauz, thru sum oeversiet, it had not reecht us. We apolojiez, and submit hiz soluu-shon tu our reederz.

Mr. Crawley sjujests the yus ov *ue* for *yu*, and apruuvz our yus ov *uu*. He recognizez the difculti that the redyust form (befor vouelz) wood be *u* in boeth caizez, but iz ov opinion that "the objecshon iz far from faital, sins the insurshon or omishon ov the *y* sound dependz upon the naityur ov the preseeding consonant, ecsept in about a duzen wurdz." The ruul wood then be: when *u* preseedz another vouel, it standz for *yu* when this can be pronounst (az in "dual"), uthertwiez for *uu* (az in "fluid"); it shoold not be yuzd for *uu* in a fyu caizez, az "duuing," tu prevent the pronunsiashon "dyuing." Mr. Crawley urjez the omishon ov *y* in the reprezentaishon ov the *yu* sound, becauz this wood "secyur graiter breviti and cloeser aprocsimaishon tu the curent speling."

Thair ar sum uthert points in Mr. Crawley'z interesting leter tu which we shal refer laiter.

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Wun ov our reederz haz taicen us tu taasc for saing, "The jeneral adopshon ov *ae* [for *ai*] wood giv a strainj looc tu the pajj." He aascs: "Haz not the rieter faulen in wun ov the moest elementari prejoodisez against speling reform? I hav not been aibl tu imajin hou the repetishon ov *ae* can looc strainjer than that ov *ai*." It haz been our object in chuuzing diegrafs tu depart az litl az posibl from the curent speling, and, whair thair woz a chois ov several, tu prefer the mor familiar. We ar acustomd tu the *ai* diegraf, but hardli ever see *ae* with this valyu. The yus ov *ai* maics the pajj looc les strainj tu wun familiar with the prezent speling, and wun braut up on the nyu wil hav lurnt wun ov the comon reprezentaishonz ov the sound that he wil fiend when he taics up a booc in the oeld speling.

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We hav reseevd sum critisizmz ov Dr. Thomson'z sceem; thai wil be maid noen when we hav reseevd sum mor.

FROM AUL PARTS.

(Theez ecstracts ar from an articl riten bi Mr. J. A. Yates, M.A., in the
"Indian Review" for Octoeber ov this yeer.)

"THAIR iz no dout that India wonts English. Thru English it can escaip from the iesolaishon ov paast sentyuriz and be yunified intu a naishon az distinct from a conjeerieez ov peepl. The facts ar against thoez sentimentalists hu wood maic Hindi the *lingua franca* ov India. Aul the best thincerz among Indianz wont the siëns ov the West; hou els iz India tu develop its agricultyur, arts, and industriz, and tu maic the lievz ov men helthier and hapier? English iz for India the oepen dor tu siëntific studi, for nun ov the langwijez ov India haz the vocabyulari needed for siëntific treetisez; thai ar hamperd, tu, in thair development bi arcaic ruulz ov compozishon which prevent thair imeediit adaptaishon tu modern needz. Aul the mor need iz thair for the simplificaishon ov English speling, the needles difficultiz ov which hamper the lurner."

"Thoez hu pretend tu fiend edyucaishonal valyu in our speling . . . urj the delietful ocyupaishon wuns comon in the elementari scuulz (in India). Litl naiced infants sat solitari, apart, traising in the sand the tu hundred and fifti od simbolz ov an Indian silabari; aafter lurning which, bi sum thre tu sics munths' daili tredmil toil, thai wer aloud tu proseed tu a booc; dul efort woz thair soel imajind interest. At leest, in theez Indian silabariz thair iz sum consistensi; but English speling iz a weerisom catalog ov ruulz, tu which the ecsephonz ar mor nyumerus than the instansez. Veri significant woz the tiel ov a reeding booc ov our chieldhood, 'Reading without Tears'!"

"It mai taic a jeneraishon or tu befor the orthodox hu hav been braut up on the oeld speling, and in thair consurvatizm cling tu it, hav paast with the bad oeld orthografi ov unreezon intu oblivion. Jeneraishonz tu cum wil looc bac on our prezent speling az an irashonal foli, az we ov tudai looc on the treetment ov prizonerz and lunatics ov a sentyuri agoe; thai wil regard it az a syuperstishon liec wichcraft and be glad that thair children ar no mor strecht upon its rac."

(A fragment from a Canadian leter.)

"Sum yeerz spent in teeching a free niet scuul for forinerz hav oepend mi iez tu the teribl embarasment that forinerz feel when thai ar confrunted with the inconsistensiz ov English speling."

NOETS AND NYUZ.

A HED MAASTER, distrest at the number ov "ignorant boiz," unburdenz hiz soel in the "Daily Sketch." Rieting iz bad—and the speling! "Wun boi roet 'pleas fowad' and ended 'yours affectionately'; and this a biznes leter! He evidentli thaut he woz rieting tu hiz deer grani. 'Account' woz riten with wun c, 'receipt' becam 'receat,' and 'cheque' woz türnd tu 'check.'" Tu paut at the laast wurd, whi iz "check" rong? The boi iz not gilty ov forjeri. Haz not the wurd the sancshon ov Dr. Johnson? And can our Jeremiah tel us hou caim the "qu" intu our speling? Speling iz bad, verili; but the reezon? *Edyucaishon iz geting beter.* The oeld convenshonz ar shot thru with nyuliet. Yu can stil turn out orthodox spelerz. The reset is simpl: dul, liefles dril and a burch rod unspairngli aplied. Iz that edyucaishon? Yu miet az wel aasc if Sahara iz a fit scuulhaus.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE woz the "Man ov the Weec" in the "Daily News and Leader" for the 30th ov laast munth. Hiz seventi-seventh burthdai woz selebraited that weec, and we ad our congratyulaishonz. "Hiz yuthfulness," sez Mr. Gairdner in hiz caracer studi, "iz shoen aulso in hiz oepen-miended enthyuziazm for nyu subjects, espeshali subjects which ar looct at ascans bi the convenshonal. Thus he haz throen himself intu the cauz ov 'speling reform,' and not oenli advocaited it for uthertz, but adopted it himself." Thair iz a deeper reezon, as Prof. Brander Matthews pointed out long agoe. Mr. Carnegie wonts the Christmas belz ov pees and goodwil tu ring among the naishonz. Tu this end he wood fling down "thoez barierz that stand betwicst men'z harts." That iz whi he iz a fens-braicer in the mater ov speling.

ELSWHAIR cwotaishonz ar given from an articl which Mr. J. A. Yates, M.A., contribyuts tu the "Indian Review" for Octoeber. Heer we must pai a wurd ov tribyut. Mr. Yates, the Acting Prinsipal ov a Government Colej in the Madras Prezidensi, maics a noetwurthi adishon tu the literatyr ov reform. India iz at hiz lips az he speecs; India, tu huum English iz az oil tu lamps. "English iz a nesesity for administraisshon, for traid, for political development, for aul braanchez ov studi." But we poot a barier round this saim nesesity. Mr. Yates goez intu the histori ov English speling, a moest iluuminaiting studi. "*Ph* iz a compromiez between *p* and *v*! 'Stephen' woz formerli 'Steven' (az it iz in such surnaimz az Steevens and Stevenson); it caim tu us thru oeld French, 'Estivenne.' It woz discuverd that the Latin form woz 'Stephanus' (Greec 'Stephanos'); tu chainj *v* tu *ph* woz an egzibishon ov lurning!"

MR. YATES'Z paiper sujests a lien ov studi reformerz du wel tu foloe—naimli, hou the prezent hoch-poch speling caim intu being. Turn tu the lait Prof. Skeat's *Principles of Etymology*, and reed the sicteenth chapter. Fuud and fyuel for the faith thair iz in plenti. The jist ov that ecelent chapter iz that we hav Tudor simbolz and a Victorian pronunsiashon. Dickens haz given us the weerd portrait ov Mis Havisham. Disappointed on her weding morn, she stops the clocs at twenti tu nien, shuts the dailiet for ever from her ruum, and wairz her briedal dres til tiem tairz it tu taterz. This iz in ficshon whot speling iz in fact.

A MEDIEEVAL stori ilustraits a spirit that iz not oeld. "Thai ar spots on the sun," sed a yung styudent tu hiz aijed maaster. "Nai, it can not be," cwoeth he. "I hav seen them with theez iez," the yuth maid aanser. "Nai, again," sed the lurned man; "Aristotle sez nothing about spots on the sun, and if thai had been thair he wood hav sed so. Belev me, the spots ar in yur oen iez." This parabl apliez tu a laiter dait than the Midl Aijez.

MR. BRODRICK, ov Birkenhead, caulz atenshon tu a pasij in the "Liverpool Daily Post." It haz referens tu a report ov a grait ecsplorer'z lectyr. "The wun draubac—and an important wun it woz—woz Captin Amundsen'z acsent,

which woz so thuroeli un-English that much ov hiz lectyur cood not be foloed in the midl ov the haul. . . . But unfortyunitli the barierz and pitfaulz ov pronunsiashon lai between them (the audiens) and the pictyuresc deetailz ov the grait romans. Meni ov the lectyurer'z best pasijejz—and he had meni fien sturing tuchez—wer lost." Mr. Brodrick points out the piti ov it. So long az the divors between riten and spoecen wurd continyuz, the trajedi wil be thair. Dr. Alfred Marshall woz stailing in the Tyrol dyuring the yeer. English iz noen az in boocs, he sez, but no wun speecs it. And when our Amundsenz return with the tail ov Suthern snoez oevercum, it iz lost upon us.

"SPELING iz a bugbair in the scuul; it iz antagonistic tu the chield naityur." "We teecherz feel that speling iz a burden. Reform wood be a buun tu the cuntri." "Our scolarz never get tu literatyur; thai hav tu spend thair tiem in speling." "Mi best pyupil braut me hiz esai tudai. The compozishon woz splendid, but the speling bad. Sumthing must be dun tu reviez the present sistem."—Theez wurdz ar from the lips ov teecherz at a meeting in Risca, Mon., which the Secretari atended. Coment iz needles. And, az the Chairman sed, "I teech Welsh and English. Wun iz fonetic and the uther —!" The audiens understood.

MR. D. E. HUTCHINS hurd Sur James Donaldson'z speech at the British Asoesiaishon, and woz imprest with the ieeda ov "Spel az yu Pleez." Mr. Hutchins iz ancsbus tu get together a Leeg ov Free Spelerz hu wil forsaic the dicshonariz, in the cais ov a surtin number ov wurdz, at eni rait. Whatever wurcs for the oeverthroing ov custom in this mater merits comendaishon. Mr. Hutchins can not goe az far az our sceem, but he iz in membership and a convinst reformer. He mai be reprezentativ ov uthertz. Theez aul can help graitli bi yuzing a number ov simplified formz in corespondens and print. On paj 10 ov the prospectus jeneral giedans iz given az tu the parshal adopshon ov the sceem. Smaul strauz mai liet a grait fier.

"No Englishman can tel with surtinti hou tu pronouns eni wurd which he haz oenli seen riten and haz not hurd spoecen. No Englishman can tel with surtinti hou tu spel a wurd which he haz oenli hurd spoecen and never seen riten." The lait Mr. Ellis poots the argyument intu a nutshel.

WE hoep tu anouns the rezults ov the Esai Competishon in our necst number.

TU leterz caim together the uther morning. Wun woz from Lord Avebury, huum we nou welcum az a suporter ov the Soscieti. The uther caim from a printer'z compozitor in the far north ov England. He, tu, becumz a member. Thus hie and loeli meet together at the harth ov a grait cauz.

SUR HIRAM MAXIM givz hiz benizon. No wunder. He sez speling woz wun thing he cood not maaster at scuul. Whot iz an ordinari chield tu duu? Sur Hiram telz ov a fonetic speler hu yuzd a wurd, "yf," in a leter tu a frend. The resipiant cood not maic it out; nor cood eni ov hiz houshoeld saiv an Irish maidsurvant. "It's az plain az the noez on yur fais," sed she; "'yf' spelz 'wife,' ov cors."

THE "School World" for November woz a valyubl number. It containz paiperz red at the British Asoesiaishon deeling with the methodz ov teeching beginerz tu reed. Speling problemz ar oelder than we thinc. Thair iz a referens tu a poëm which telz ov a speling dispyut between teecher and scolar. Thai undertooc tu setl it bi a fiet. The teecher woz cild. And the chield, given hiz wai, wil duu the saim with the curent speling. Hou meni ov our wurdz ar iregular in speling? Sumtiemz it iz asyumd that the persentij iz not mor than about 25. The point iz raizd and aanserd in wun ov the articlz. *Seventi-fiev per sent. ov our wurdz ar iregular in speling.*

MR. COUPLAND HARDING, ov Wellington, New Zealand, sendz a leeflet ov hiz, reprinted from "Typo" ov Joolie 1891. "Wurdz ar tuulz. Must eech hamer or acs, tu be efishent, bair sum marc tu indicait its evoluushon from the flint implement ov the savij? and must the artizan, tu yuz it intelijentli, noe the hoel histori ov its development? Thair iz a wurd which our forfaatherz roet 'jail,' acording tu analoji. It iz nou pedanticali riten 'gaol,' standing absoluutli aloen in its orthografi, and containing within theumpas ov its for leterz thre anomaliz ov speling. Whi? Tu indicait, forsouth, that it cumz tu us from the corrupt Loe Latin, *gabiola*, a caij, thru the obsolete French form, *gaole*." That "gaol" iz the wuri ov printerz. In the footbaul seezon it generali manijez tu get riten "goal."

"THAIR iz wun colum ov figyurz in the rezults ov the laast Woolwich and Sandhurst entrans egzaminaishon, just publisht, which 'givz awai' the cais ov the public scuulz mor cleerli than enithing I can sai. It givz the figyurz deducted for bad speling and bad rieting. Out ov a maxsimum ov 14,000 marcs obtainabl, wun boi haz had neerli 1,000 marcs deducted from hiz toetal on account ov bad speling and rieting. Veri meni boiz luuz oever 500 marcs."—Theez ar the vyuz ov a London Armi coech. In decriing the scuulz he haz got hoeld ov the rong scaipgoet.

"PAN" iz a magazeen which iz tu maic its apeerans in New York. The editor iz Mr. S. W. Simpson, a member ov the Adviezori Council ov the American Speling Bord. "Pan," az its naim sujests, iz tu deel with everithing ov interest, and it iz tu champion speling reform. We wish the ventyur the best ov suces. If eni ov our reederz wood liec tu see spesimen copfz ov the furst number, aplicaishon mai be maid tu our Secretari.

THE Secretari iz aulwaiz glad tu hav sujestionz from memberz az tu the best methodz ov ecstending our wurc. Mr. Horsfall, ov Swanscoe Park, riets az we goe tu pres: "Wood it not be wel for the Sositie tu prepar, and sel tu its memberz, india-ruber stamps, tu be yuzd bi memberz when thair riet leterz in the nyu speling. . . . The Sositie wood probabli be aibl tu get promisez from meni ov its memberz that thair wood riet at leest wun leter a weec in the nyu speling, and a start wood thus be maid with reform." In our necst isyu we shal giv priesez. The mor we yuz the nyu, the rashonal, sistem, the mor we undermien the foundaishonz ov the oeld.

PROF. RIPP MANN lectyurd befor the Rochester Loecal Asoesiaishon ov the N.U.T. on Desember 4. Thair wer 65 prezent, and 22 joind the Sositie! This iz a splendid egzaampl ov ceen interest.

NYU YEER'Z greetingz ar sent out with this isyu ov THE PIONEER. Aplicaishonz for a further suplie ov theez cardz shood be maid tu the Secretari. We taic the oportyuniti ov ading the best ov Yultied wishez. And it iz not unciendli tu mension that surtin subscripshonz becum dyu. Christmas iz a children'z festival, and it iz thair edyucaishonal best we hav ever in vvu.

THE Cween ov the Garden ov Flouerz iz sleeping. Slumber shuts the iez ov flouerets aulso. Mischivus goests steel into the fair garden and bild in the fais ov sleeping liet a darc waul ov prejoodis. Under cover ov it thair daans thair wiced revelz and maic havoc among the flouerz. Thair iz morning myuzic, and liet iz about tu braic. The waul ov prejoodis beginz tu melt, and thair iz gladnes in the hoem ov fraigrans. And the interpretaishon ov the parabl? The garden iz the plezans ov chieldhood and ov wurdz. We noe the goests and thair hartles waul. But the daibraic iz riten on the scie. This parabl woz woeven into a plaiet bi Mis Haynes, ov Chelsea, and given in costum and with deliet bi the infants ov her scuul. Tu them it woz simpl joi; tu us meening-ful.

Mis Haynes iz wun ov our moest enthuziastic memberz. She seez the goests at wurc everi scuul-dai.

THE "Woman Teacher's World" iz a yung paiper, ful ov the glad enerji and enterpriez ov yuth. For its frunt-paij "mesij"—a feetyur ov the jurnal—Sur William Ramsay roet in regard tu rashional speling sum tiem agoe. The "mesij" woz printed in the nyu stiel. Arainjments hav nou been maid for a short articl on speling and its reform tu apeer fortinietli, begining with the Nyu Yeer.

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THE "Daily Dispatch" for the 5th inst. reports Sur James Crichton-Browne: "He confest he had mor faith in speling reform than in the nyu sistem ov teeching tu reed. Thair woud be considerabl saiving ov tiem if we cood bring it mor in acord with modern pronunsiashon. Whiel our pronunsiashon had chainjd, our speling had stood stil."

THE foloing adishonal lectyurz hav been arainjd :—

December 23.—	Buckie (Literari Sossiet).	Mr. R. Cairns.
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Februari 1.—	East Devon (N.U.T.).	" "
March 1.—	Reading (N.U.T.).	" "
" 6.—	Southampton (N.U.T.).	" "
" 19.—	T.P.'z Surcl, Manchester.	" "

PRAIZ AND PREJOODIS.

PRES NOETISEZ OV SIMPLIFIED SPELING.

October, 1912.

Munthli Jurnalz.—**Educational Review**: Prints the articl on *Cleer Speech and Cleen Speling*, and the report ov a lectyur bi Mr. K. V. Subbiah, M.A., L.T. **Indian Review**: An eceslent articl on simplified speling bi Mr. J. A. Yates. **Modern World** (Madras): A faivorabl noetis ov our publicaishonz. "Thair iz no dout that the reform iz rietli begun, and suces iz shuer tu foloe."

19th.—**Illustrated Star** (Johannesburg): A sensibl noet on the advaantijez ov simplified speling. **New York Tribune**: A moest sympathetic tribyut tu the memori ov the lait Prof. Skeat, by "H.G.P.," refuring in partycular tu the wurc he did for the reform ov English speling.

20th.—**New York Sun**: A replie bi the Secretari S.S.S. tu a feroeshus atac bi the "Sun."

28th.—**New York Evening Post**: A stricing and jenerus yuloji upon the wurc ov our lait Prezident, bi Dr. Chas. P. G. Scott, hu ecsplainz whot woz the pozishon ov Prof. Skeat az an etimolozist in relaishon tu speling reform, and the reezonz for that pozishon.

31st.—**Methodist Recorder**: An important articl bi "Elsé Carrier, M.Sc.," entield "Teecherz and Teeching in the Liet ov the British Asoesiaishon."

November, 1912.

Munthli Jurnalz.—**School World** and **Educational Times**: British tribyuts tu the memori ov Prof. Skeat. The former aulso prints the British Asoesiaishon paiperz on the methodz ov teeching reeding in the urli stajiez—pathetic atemts tu maic the best ov whot iz shocngli bad. Whi not devoet such urnest eforts tu reform? In the later Prof. Rippmann repliez tu M. de Saint-Ours. **Journal of Education**: Prints an intervyy (bi Mr. Walton) with Mr. Archer on "Speling and the Stajj." **Modern Language Teaching**: Prof. Rippmann repliez tu the articl bi "J. D. A." in the October isyu. **Month**: Haz a noet upon the lait Prof. Skeat's advocasi ov speling reform.

1st.—**Llangollen Advertiser**: Long and good articl advocaiting the nyu speling. **Globe**: A breef leter bi "Fwnetik" in replie tu Mr. Sidni Bond. **Durham Chronicle**: A noet on the wunderful rapid proegres maid bi the S.S.S. sins laast Juun. **Elgin Courant**: An eceslent acount ov Mr. R. Jackson's lectyur at Elgin. **Pall Mall Gazette**: Haz an interesting discussioun on pronunsiashon, baist on a PIONEER articl.

2nd.—**Globe**: "A Simplified Speler" poots a cwestion tu Mr. Sidni Bond on hiz propoezd alfabet. **Northern Scot** (Elgin): Haz a frendli descriphon

ov Mr. R. Jackson's lectyur. Aulso an articl in S.S., bi Mr. R. Cairns, on "Elgin in the Aiteenth Sentyuri." **Echo** (Enniscorthy): Staunch advocasi ov the S.S. muuvment in a leter bi "Maud." **Oldham Weekly Chronicle**: A batl roial between the Editor and our Secretari. **Educational News** (Edinburgh): Leter in replie tu Mr. R. Jackson, bi "L. G.," hu staitz that the cultyurd pronunsiashon ov "book" and "drama" iz "boke" and "draima." **Bradford Daily Telegraph**: Noets on pronunsiashon, baist on a PIONEER articl. **Bristol Observer**: A noet on "Speling and Sound," refuring tu the "Daily News" intervyyu ov Octoeber 29. **Arbroath Guide**: A capital account ov the proegres maid bi the Sosieti, evidentli bi a wel informd contribyutor.

3rd.—**Observer**: A noet bi "Observator" on the dificulti ov maicing alouans, in a rashonal speling, for diferensez ov pronunsiashon between London and Edinburgh.

4th.—**Cambria Daily Leader**: A good joeec about a Birkenhead poester which woz recwierd tu advertiez the naim "Harvey." It woz pointed out tu the bil-poester that the naim woz actyuali spelt "Harvy." "I noe that," woz the replie, "but I've no mor ruum"! **Western Daily Press** (Bristol): Leter from the Secretari S.S.S. refuring tu "F. B." 'z ecseleent leter ov Octoeber 29.

5th.—**Globe**: Leter bi the Secretari S.S.S. in aanser tu Mr. Evacustes A. Phipson's apeel for the adopshon ov the "Roman" valyuz ov the vouelz.

6th.—**Daily News and Leader**, **Northern Echo** (Darlington), **Sheffield Independent**, and **Northern Echo**: Print identical contribyushonz bi "S. L. H.," hu, "having reesevd a larj suplie ov literatyr advocaiting whot iz cauld simplified speling, respectfuli declienz tu ecspres eni opinion on the subject." On the hoel, however, the articl, which iz wel balanst, inclienz tu be frendli. **Daily News** (Chicago): Haz a leter on Prof. Brander Matthews'z speling bi O. C. Blackmer.

7th.—**New Age**: The "Rieter ov 'Prezent-Dai Critisizm'" luuzez hiz temper. Prof. Rippmann repliez tu preevius "critisizm." Mr. E. Stafford cwoets from "Praiz and Prejoodis," and drauz unfaiavorabl concluzhonz. He evidentli prefurz the modesti and rezurv ov the "New Age." **Northern Echo** (Darlington): Leter from our oeld frend and champion, Mr. H. Drummond. **Brighton and Hove Society**: Replie bi Secretari S.S.S. tu critisizm ov THE PIONEER.

8th.—**Yorkshire Post** (Leeds): Leter from Mr. Drummond. **Sheffield Daily Telegraph**: Telz a good speling anecdoet. **West London Press**: Descriebz a pictyuresc and hieli sucesful "speling plai" performd bi the infants ov the Marlborough Scουλ, Chelsea. A "charming and instructiv litl plai," which "aultgether woz a grait suces, and thoroeli urnd the loud aplauz ov the audiens." We, tu, ar pleezd, sins the plai woz intended tu ecplain the yus ov a simplified speling. **Kelso Chronicle**: An admirabl articl, seting forth the claimz ov simplified speling. **Liangollen Advertiser**: Leter bi Secretari S.S.S.

9th.—**Saturday Review**: Leter bi Prof. Rippmann in replie tu the articl bi Mr. Filson Young ov Octoeber 12. **Citizen** (Dundee): Containz a long and ecseleent leter in defens ov the Sosieti's wure against the reesent atac ov Prof. Saintsbury. **Schoolmaster**: A veri simpatetic report ov Prof. Rippmann's adres on S.S. at Yunivursiti Colej, Nottingham. **York Gazette**: Prints *Cleer Speech and Cleen Speling*, and a leter from the Secretari S.S.S. in replie tu critisizm. **Educational News** (Edinburgh): Leter from Mr. R. Jackson in replie tu "W. B." **Glasgow Herald**: Leter bi the Secretari S.S.S. in replie tu critisizm. **Fifeshire Advertiser**: Leter from "En Avant," sujesting that the Parliamtentari Laibor Parti shood interest themselvz in speling reform.

11th.—**Northern Daily Telegraph** (Blackburn): Leter bi the Secretari S.S.S. in suport ov the claim that simpler speling meenz cleerer speech.

12th.—**Nottingham Guardian**: Haz sum strong and ecseleent remarcs in suport ov Prof. Rippmann's plee for simplified speling, under the heding ov "Problemz in Eduyucaishon" (riten bi teacherz). **Sheffield Independent**: Hieli apreeshiativ account ov Prof. Rippmann's lectyur at Sheffield.

14th.—**New Age**: The "Rieter ov 'Prezent-Dai Critisizm'" supliez a further contribyushon on speech and speling. **Methodist Recorder**: Containz an ecstreemli helpul articl bi the Rev. Henry Hodder. Refuring

tu homonimz, Mr. Hodder remarks: "Moest peep wood sai that 'bocs' iz wun wurd, but it iz eezili twenti, and the contect ceeps us riet az tu the presies meening." Again: "The reporter'z noets ar unfailingli retranslaited into the tiep we reed; shorthand bairz eezili aul theez burdenz, az our morning nyuz-paipar shoez." **Dundee Advertiser**, **Aberdeen Evening Gazette**, **Glasgow News**, and **Liverpool Courier**: Cwoet the reported saing ov Dr. Wilson, the Prezident-Elect ov the United States, with regard tu the speling yuzd in ofshal correspondens. **Helensburgh News**: Leter in advocasi ov S.S. bi "En Avant." **Evening Sun** (New York): An interesting leader on "Simplified Loecalizmz," baist on a **PIONEER** articl.

15th.—**Western Telegraph**: Account ov Mr. Daniel Jones'z lectyur tu the Eccles teecherz. **Eccles Telegraph** and **Eccles Journal**: Boeth hav good accounts ov Mr. Daniel Jones'z lectyur. **North-Eastern Daily Gazette** (Middlesbrough): A simpathetic referens, which we much apreeshiait, tu *The Star*, and aulso tu the Societi'z wurc. **Secondary Education**: Containz a moest welcum ecspreshon ov opinion "that the plee for a nashonal reform in speling iz gaining ground iz manifest."

16th.—**Eastern Daily Press** (Norwich): A long and ecstremli favorabl account ov Prof. Rippmann'z lectyur at Norwich. **Liverpool Daily Courier**: Leter bi the Secretari S.S.S. in regard tu the staitment about Dr. Wilson. **Oldham Weekly Chronicle**: Leter from the Secretari S.S.S. in replie tu critisizm. **Glasgow Evening Citizen**: A brief (and harmles) hit at the speling reform muovement. **Hamilton Advertiser**: Leter in suport ov speling reform in jeneral, bi "G.W." **Onlooker**: Deliverz itself ov this Pythian shaaft: "Wun wood liec tu aasc whie wee [*sic*] ar tu merder [*sic*] our muther tung." Sum peep ar content tu looc on, insted ov loocing into, thingz. **Educational News** (Edinburgh): Leterz bi "L. G." and "W. B.," with sujestionz and critisizm. **Pitman's Journal**: A ful report ov Prof. Rippmann'z lectyur tu the Incorporated Phonographic Society.

17th.—**Observer**: Remarks that Meredith haz been critisiezd for yuzing "that abominabl contracshon, 'alright.' . . . But hou can we lojicali denouns it in fais ov such presedents az 'altogether,' 'also,' 'already'?" If the saim comendabl lojic wer aplied tu considering the speling ov aul our wurdz, we shood hav hoeps ov being aibl tu-rejister the rietar az a member ov this Societi.

18th.—**Dundee Advertiser** and **Dundee Courier**: Accounts ov the lectyur given bi Mr. R. Jackson tu the memberz ov the Arbroath branch ov the Edyucationshonal Insitituyt ov Scotland. **Hull Daily News**: The "ofis boi" joec again! **Nottingham Guardian**: A simpathetic account ov Prof. Rippmann'z lectyur at Nottingham. **Kerry News**: Breef noetis ov **THE PIONEER**.

19th.—**Perthshire Courier**: Leter bi "Bon Accord," urjing the advaantijez ov the S.S. sceem. **Daily Herald**: Cwoets from **THE PIONEER**. **Commercial Education**: Advocaits Simplified Speling tu cyur sluvlenli speech.

20th.—**Liverpool Daily Courier**: Leter from Mr. W. J. Shield (Loecal Secretari ov the S.S.S.), drauing atenshon tu the wurc ov the Societi.

21st.—**New Age**: Leterz on the subject ov simplified speling bi Mr. H. Alexander, Mr. J. T. Fife, and Mr. H. L. Wheatley, the furst and second sensibl, the thurd in suport ov "Prezent-dai Critisizm." **Evening Gazette** (Aberdeen): Leter bi the Secretari S.S.S. in refyutaishon ov the "Gazette's" remarks about Dr. Wilson'z alejd atityud tordz the "Nu Spellin" (*sic*). **Brecon County Times**: Cwoets from **THE PIONEER**, and proseedz: "We agree so far with **THE PIONEER** that 'myuzic iz beter than manyuscript,' and we thinc we prefur it tu Simplified Speling." We envi the "Brecon Times'" pouer ov heering "myuzic" in the meni caizez whair *ch, gh, g, k, n, b, p, s, e, u*, and *ugh* in the curent English speling ar *not pronounst!* **Dundee Advertiser**: In comenting on Mr. Walton'z leter, defendz its oen speling ov the wurd "nyu" (which iz "nu"). **Evening Times** (Glasgow): Refurz tu the saim boen ov contenshon that we hav had with the "Dundee Advertiser." **Helensburgh News**: Correspondens on speling reform bi "Bon Accord" and Wm. W. McInnes.

22nd.—**Bristol Times and Mirror**: Cwoets Sur Hiram Maxim'z ecselent stori about "yf" which we giv in anuther colum. **Jewish Chronicle**: Report ov a meeting ov the Jewish Literari and Debaiting Societi at Sunderland, tu

consider the cwestion "Shood we adopt fonetic speling?" The result ov the discusson iz unforthyuntli not staited. **Jarrow Guardian**: Containz "Ortho-grafic Noets" bi our oeld frend Mr. Henry Drummond. **John o'Groat Journal**: Noetis ov THE PIONEER. **Star** (Toronto): Leter advocaiting Simplified Speling.

23rd.—**Newark Herald**: Insurts a leter under the heding, "Iz the speling ov English Idiotic?" bi "Bon Accord," hu cumz tu the concluuzhon that it iz. **Educational News** (Edinburgh): Leter bi "D. M.," apruuving ov the iedea ov apointing a reprezentativ comiti tu consider "pronunsiashon and speling," becauz "such a comiti wood probabli retain meni ov the formz at present in yus." **Bath Chronicle** and **Midland Weekly News** (Wolverhampton): Boeth anouns the arainjments for comemoraiting the burth ov Sur I. Pitman at Trow-bridge (hiz burthplais) and elswhair. **Pitman's Journal**: Noetisez *The Star*.

26th.—**Bristol Times and Mirror**: Tu paragraafs on speling. Shood we riet "monies" or "moneys"? The obvius aanser iz, riet "muniz." **Pertshire Courier**: Leter on the "Hyumorus Aspect ov Speling Reform," bi "En Avant." It iz satisfactori tu noet that the smiel iz on the fais ov the reformer.

28th.—**Helensburgh News**: Leter bi "En Avant," in replie tu criticiszm bi Mr. McInnes. **New Age**: The Secretari S.S.S. repliez tu the "Rieter ov 'Prezent-dai Critisizm.'" Mr. Herbert Read riets sensibli on sum ov the weerd staitments about the pronunsiashon ov elocuyshonists tu be found in reesent isyuz ov the "New Age." **Edinburgh Evening Dispatch**: A short artiel on the "Scots speling" ov Burns (and hiz editorz!).

29th.—**Rothesay Express**: Anounsez the forthcuming lectyur bi Mr. R. Jackson at Rothesay. **Jarrow Guardian**: Givz an account (bi Mr. Drummond) ov Sur Hiram Maxim'z vyuz on S.S. **Dundee Advertiser**: Leter bi the Secretari S.S.S., refuring tu leederet in isyu ov 21st.

30th.—**The Orcadian**: Speling reform lifts up its trumpet in the far Orkneys. A hoel colum iz given tu the subject. "It wood be hiel interesting tu lurn that in this mater Orkney and Shetland wer prepaired tu set a good egzaampl tu the ajaisent ielandz ov Great Britain and Ireland." **Leicester Post**: Sujests that "Loughborough" shood be simplified tu "Lufboro." **Daily Sketch**: Complaints from hed maasterz and utherz about the bad speling ov our boiz. Wuns mor we sai: duu not blaim the teecherz, but the speling. **Daily News and Leader**: An eceselent character studi ov Mr. Carnegie. **Glasgow News**: Leter from the Secretari S.S.S. on the atityud ov Dr. Wilson tu speling reform. **Freeman's Journal**: Descriebz a nyu Irish booc in Simplified Speling.

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aa — faa ther [oenli wun a befor r—az art]	oe* — goez
ai — aid, air	oi — oil
au — auger	oo — good [short vouel : ecsepshonz—tu,ful,fuli]
b — bat	ou — out
c — cat [never az in "city"]	p — pet
ch — chat	ph [yuzd oenli in proper naimz]
d — dot	q [yuzd oenli in proper naimz]
e — end	r — rat
ee* — eel	s — sat
er — perform, usher [unstrest—ur when strest and not preseedng a vouel]	sh — she
f — fat	t — ten
g — get [never az in "gem"]	th — thin, this
h — hat	u — us
i — it	ur — urban, concur [strest—er when unstrest and when a vouel foloetz]
ie* — tied	uu* — buun ["boon"—long vouel]
j — jet, juj	v — vat
k [yuzd oenli in proper naimz]	w — wet
l — let	wh — whet
m — met	x [yuzd oenli in proper naimz]
n — net	y — yet
nc — zinc	yu — yusful, yutiliti
ng — sing, and linger	z — zest
	zh — vizhon ["vision"]

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