(FROM THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE WEEKLY REVIEW, SEPTEMBER 15.)

Latest Foreign News About Books.

London, September 14.

Biography takes the leading place in the autumn publishing lists, with Mrs. Pennell's "Life of Charles Godfrey Leland," Edmund Gardner's new study of Ariosto, Dr. Edmund Sheppard's memoir of the Duke of Cambridge, Sir Evelyn Wood's "Autobiography," Frederick Lawton's "Life" of Rodin, Fitzgerald Malloy's memoir of Sir Joshua Reynolds and H. M. Cundall's "Birket Foster" among the most promising works. Cassell's new art books include Alfred Easti and Macwhirter's "Practice in Landscape Painting," with many reproductions of their works. Edgar Wigham's "Northern Spain" is the most notable addition to the literature of travel. Fiction, after its brief promise of better things last week, is again running to emptyings.

I. N. F.

Paris, September 14.

A volume of present and scientific interest just published by the Librairie Universelle is entitled "Le Radium et les Nouvelles Radiations." It is the work of A. Berget, professor of physical geography at the Sorbonne, who summarizes the qualities of the mysterious element and considers what will be the outcome of its discovery and use. The book contains excellent portraits of the late Professor Curie and of his wife and collaboratresse, Mme. Curie. Calmann-Levy are issuing "Allemandes Grandes et Petites Dames," a lively and searching analysis of German women by Michel Levy. Garnier brings out this week "Le Chanson de Béranger," set to piano accompaniment score by Francis Casadesus.

C. I. B.

Books People Are Reading.

NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY.—The books most in demand at the New York Public Library, circulation department, during the last week were as follows:

Adult Fiction—Chambers's "A Fighting Chance"; Churchill's "Coniston"; Smith's "The Tides of Barnegat."

Juvenile Fiction—Barbour's "On Your Mark"; Deland's "Katrina"; Lang's "Blue Fairy Book."

Miscellaneous—Maeterlinck's "The Treasure of the Humble"; Spargo's "The Bitter Cry of the Children"; Hill's "Fighting a Fire."

PHILADELPHIA FREE LIBRARY.—Philadelphia, Sept. 14.—The books most sought at the Philadelphia Free Public Library during the last week have been:

History—Champney's "The Romance of French Abbeys"; Thomson and Rauch's "A History of the Bucktails"; Pryor's "Reminiscence of Peace and War."

Description and Travel—Scarritt's "Three Men in a Motor Car"; Fraser's "America at Work"; Pepper's "Panama to Patagonia"; Brainerd's "In Vanity Fair."

Biography—Williams's "Later Queens of the French Stage"; Batten's "Around and Around"; Singer's "Dante Gabriel Rossetti"; Thomson's "Herbert Spencer"; Stevenson's "Letters from Samoa."

Miscellaneous—Benson's "From a College Window"; Ames's "The Game of Bridge"; Harwood's "The New Earth"; Moody's "The Art of Wall Street Investing"; Batge's "R. Holmes & Co."

Fiction—Deland's "The Awakening of Helena Richie"; Churchill's "Coniston"; Barr's "The Man Between"; Scott's "The Colonel of the Red Hussars"; Shaw's "Unsocial Socialist"; Orczy's "A Son of the People"; Stimson's "In Cure of Her Soul."

CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY.—Washington, Sept. 14.—The following list of books called for indicates the tastes of readers in the Library of Congress this week:

History—Green's "Readings from English History"; Swinton's "Outlines of the World's History"; Perry's "Japan."

Description and Travel—Foster's "Pictures from the Balkans"; Miltown's "Castles and Chateaux of Old Touraine and the Loire Country"; Allen's and Williamson's "Cities of Northern Italy"; Waddell's "Lhasa and Its Mysteries."

Biography—Lang's "Portraits and Jewels of Mary Stuart"; Sherrard's "Life of Oscar Wilde"; Hutton's "Sir Walter Scott."

Fiction—White's "The Pass"; Churchill's "Coniston"; Deland's "The Awakening of Helena Richie"; Garland's "Witch's Gold"; Michelson's "Anthony Overman."

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.—Boston, Sept. 14.—Among the books most frequently in demand at the Boston Public Library during the week were the following:

Fiction—Saltus's "Vanity Square"; Pollock's "The Treasure Trail"; Barr's "A Rock in the Baltic"; Churchill's "Coniston"; Wistar's "Lady Baltimore" and "The Virginian"; Maartens's "The Healers"; Phillips's "Red Saunders's Pets and Other Critters"; Moore's "The Bishop of Cottontown"; Barry's "Sandy From the Sierras"; Warner's "Susan Clegg and Her Neighbors"; Harriman's "The Girl Out There."

Miscellaneous—Armour's "The Packers, the Private Car Lines and the People"; Radford's "Adirondack Murray"; Duke's "Morgan's Cavalry"; Holt's "Undistinguished Americans"; Vambery's "Western Culture in Eastern Lands"; Meyer's "Municipal Ownership in Great Britain"; Haynes's "The Election of Senators"; Jenks's "Citizenship and the Schools"; Lord Hindlip's "Sport and Travel."

What N. Y. Booksellers Say They Are Selling Most.

The six best selling books in New York this week, as reported to The New York Tribune Weekly Review, were taken in the following order:

1. "A Fighting Chance"	Robert Chambers	(D. Appleton & Co.)	$1 50
2. "Coniston"	Winston Churchill	(The Macmillan Company)	1 50
3. "The Awakening of Helena Richie"	Margaret Deland	(Harper & Bros.)	1 50
4. "Buchanan's Wife"	Justus Miles Forman	(Harper & Bros.)	1 50
5. "The Incomplete Amorist"	E. Nesbit	(Doubleday, Page & Co.)	1 50
6. "The Tides of Barnegat"	F. Hopkinson Smith	(Charles Scribner's Sons)	1 50

LITERARY NOTES.

"Joseph Vance: An Ill-Written Autobiography" is the odd title of a new and very long novel by William de Morgan, which Henry Holt & Co. have just published.

With the announcement of the publication this autumn, by Little, Brown & Co., of a new love story of Japan, entitled "The Dragon Painter," by Mary McNeil Fenollosa, is revealed the author's identity with Sidney McCall, author of "Truth Dexter" and "The Breath of the Gods." Mrs. Fenollosa is a native of Alabama, who has spent much of her recent life in Japan.

A new series of reproductions of the masterpieces of art is coming out in London under the general title of the "Medici Series." The plates are to be printed in color by a new photographic process which is said to give "results such as have hitherto seemed impossible of realization." The first three plates will be Bernardino Luini's "Head of the Virgin Mary," after the fresco now in the Palace of the Brera, Milan; Leonardo da Vinci's "Head of Christ," after the unfinished cartoon in the Palace of the Brera, and Botticelli's "Virgin and Child," now in the Museo Foldi-Pezzoli.

Henry George, jr., it appears, has turned his attention from writing upon economics to the composition of a novel. It is entitled "The Romance of John Bainbridge," and describes the experiences of a young lawyer of high ideals, who enters politics for the purpose of fighting the private ownership of privileges in the public highways. The tale is said to be founded upon some of the striking and dramatic episodes in the life of his father, the late Henry George.

Mrs. Margaret Roper, the learned and lovable daughter of Sir Thomas More—the broken-hearted woman whose suffering as she knelt in the street for her father's last blessing after his sentence, moved even the cruel London rabble of their time—lived in Kent in a beautiful place called Wells Hall. That was more than 370 years ago, and the old place is still charming. Here at the present time lives the novelist "E. Nesbit," otherwise Mrs. Bland. "The London Bookman" says that Mrs. Bland "began her literary career by writing verses"—and it may be added that they were mostly poor verses. "Then came a series of ghost stories, which Sir Walter Besant said were the best ghost stories he had read. It is as a writer of children's stories that she is now best known."

The Rev. Morgan M. Sheedy, who, besides being the rector of St. John's Church, Altoona, Penn., has had a wide experience as a newspaper man, is the author of a volume of short essays, or "sermonettes," entitled "Briefs for Our Times," which Thomas Whittaker is bringing out.

The recent focussing of interest on South American affairs by earthquake, arbitration discussion and Secretary Root's visit, will no doubt serve to draw attention to a work published to-day by Dodd, Mead & Co. Entitled "Through Five Republics of South America," and written by Percy F. Martin, F. R. G. S., the volume aims to give a critical and authoritative description of Argentina, Brazil, Chili, Uruguay and Venezuela from observations made by the author as recently at 1905. The book treats not only of the manners, customs and life of the people, but contains statistical tables as aids to readers who may be interested in the railway, financial, commercial and sociological conditions of the countries described.

Lady De Lancey's narrative of a week at Waterloo in 1815 will be published here by E. P. Dutton & Co. The author's husband, Colonel Sir William Howe De Lancey, who was quartermaster general of Wellington's army, was mortally wounded in the battle, and nursed there by his wife. The book is said to give side-lights on the battle that are not to be found elsewhere.

Hunters and those who love to read about hunting adventure will be interested in the announcement made by the Putnams of the early publication of a volume by that well known sportsman, William S. Thomas. The title, "Hunting Big Game: A Record of Personal Experiences in the United States, the Dominion of Canada and Old Mexico," gives promise of a lively account of a wide range of sporting activities in happy hunting grounds in many parts of this continent. The book will be freely illustrated with snapshots, made by the author, of birds and beasts that he has caught engaged in their domestic duties and predatory enterprises.

The character of the hero of Mrs. Mary Dillon's new novel, "The Leader," is reported to have been inspired by the political career of William Jennings Bryan. The man who gives the title to the story is a self-made Westerner, who fights the bosses and wins political eminence by honorable effort. The book contains a lively description of the National Democratic Convention at St. Louis. Doubleday, Page & Co. are the publishers.

Tudor Jenks has written a history of the United States army from its earliest beginnings, explaining its purposes, its results and its development, in a manner adapted to the instruction and entertainment of the young, in a volume entitled "Our Army for Our Boys," which will be published this fall by Moffat, Yard & Co. There will be a large number of illustrations, many of them printed in colors, by H. O. Ogden, the artist who painted the series of pictures of the American army for the official records of the War Department.

Mark Twain's new method of writing a biography, to which reference was made in this column recently, is one which he expects will be followed by other writers when they come to understand its advantages. In the current number of the "North American Review," in which the first instalment of the autobiography appears, Mr. Clemens writes:

> I intend that this autobiography shall become a model for all future autobiographies when it is published, after my death, and I also intend that it shall be read and admired a good many centuries because of its form and method—a form and method whereby the past and the present are constantly brought face to face, resulting in contrasts which newly fire up the interest all alone, like contact of flint with steel. Moreover, this autobiography of mine does not select from my life its showy episodes, but deals mainly in the common experiences which go to make up the life of the average human being, because these episodes are of a sort which he is familiar with in his own life, and in which he sees his own life reflected and set down in print. The usual, conventional autobiographer seems to particularly hunt out those occasions in his career when he came into contact with celebrated persons, whereas his contacts with the uncelebrated were just as interesting to him, and would be to his reader, and were vastly more numerous than his collisions with the famous.

Under the title of "Some Beauties of the Seventeenth Century" Allan Fea has written a series of memoirs of some of the memorable women of that period. The book, which will be brought out shortly by Bretano's, will be illustrated with a number of hitherto unpublished portraits of Lely, Kneller, Cooper, Petitot and other artists of the time.

Rudyard Kipling's "Kim" has been translated into Chinese by Dr. Cregeon, of London.

Professor James H. Hyslop gives the results of his further investigations of "supernatural" phenomena in a volume entitled "The Borderland of Psychical Research," which Herbert B. Turner & Co. are bringing out. The book contains chapters on double and triple personality, the secondary self, hypnotism, hallucination and the various pseudo-spiritistic phenomena.

The announcement by Small, Maynard & Co. of the early publication of a tale of mystery—of a crime and its detection—with the title, "The Secret of the Moor Cottage," by H. Ripley Cromarsh, receives added interest when it is stated that the author is a sister of Sir A. Conan Doyle.

"The Poet and the Parish" is the title chosen by Miss Mary Moss for her new novel, to be issued this month by Henry Holt & Co.

Ernest Nister has made a new compilation of amusements and diversions, which E. P. Dutton & Co. are soon to publish. It is entitled "The Game Book for Boys and Girls: A Volume of New and Old Pastimes." It makes an attractive book of more than 400 pages, and contains hundreds of illustrations by the author.

Alice Bailey Ward, author of "The Sage Brush Parson," has just written a book of quite a different character, which will shortly be published by Little, Brown & Co. It is a story for girls, entitled "Roberta and Her Brothers."

A new edition of the "Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin" will be brought out this fall by Houghton, Mifflin & Co. One of its special attractions will be a photogravure reproduction of the portrait of Franklin painted by Benjamin Wilson in 1759. This picture was taken from Franklin's home in Philadelphia by Major André in 1778 and carried to England by Sir Charles Grey. At the Franklin bicentennial in 1906 it was presented to the United States by Earl Grey, the present Governor General of Canada, and is now hanging in the White House, Washington. This is believed to be the first time that this portrait has ever been reproduced.

A new book by Florence Morse Kingsley is among the fall announcements of D. Appleton & Co. It will be called "Truthful Jane," and will be somewhat longer than most of the author's other stories.

Ex-President Grover Cleveland's volume of "Fishing and Shooting Sketches" is published by the Outing Publishing Company, with illustrations by Henry S. Watson.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

ART.

HISTORICAL GREEK COINS. Described by G. F. Hill, M. A., of the British Museum. With thirteen plates. 8vo, pp. xix, 181. (The Macmillan Company.)

Including specimens from the earliest known coins of the seventh century B. C. The volume will be followed by a history of Roman coinage.

BIOGRAPHY.

S. H. HADLEY OF WATER STREET. A Miracle of Grace. By J. Wilbur Chapman, D. D. Illustrated. 8vo, pp. 288. (Fleming H. Revell Company.)

An account of the work of the superintendent of the Jerry McAuley Mission, in the slums of this city.

LIFE AND LETTERS OF ROBERT EDWARD LEE, Soldier and Man. By the Rev. J. William Jones, D. D. With portraits. 8vo, pp. 486. (Neale Publishing Company.)

The author was a chaplain of Washington College, and was with the army of Northern Virginia from Harper's Ferry to Appomattox.

JEFFERSON, CABELL AND THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA. By John S. Patton. Illustrated. 8vo, pp. ix, 380. (Neale Publishing Company.)

A history of the founders of the leading University of the South.

THE LIFE OF ALFRED DE MUSSET. By Arvede Barine. Done into English by Charles Conner Hayden. Illustrated. 8vo, pp. 176. (Edwin C. Hill Company.)

EDUCATIONAL.

ELEMENTARY COMPOSITION. By Dorothea F. Canfield and George R. Carpenter. 12mo, pp. xvi, 274. (The Macmillan Company.)

Adapted to use in the seventh and eighth grades.

BROOKS'S READERS. By Stratton D. Brooks. In five volumes. Illustrated. 12mo, pp. 128, 176, 248, 360, 446. (The American Book Company.)

Attractively illustrated in color prints and halftones.

LITTLE STORIES OF FRANCE. By Maude Barrows Dutton and Samuel T. Dutton. Illustrated. 12mo, pp. 176. (The American Book Company.)

A supplementary reader suited to children from seven to fourteen years of age.

HALF HOURS WITH FISHES, REPTILES AND BIRDS. By Charles Frederick Holder. Illustrated. 12mo, pp. 255. (The American Book Company.)

An introduction to the study of zoology.

PROGRESSIVE ARITHMETIC. By William J. Milne, Ph. D., LL. D. In three volumes. 12mo, pp. 288, 300, 348. (The American Book Company.)

The three volumes form a complete course for the primary and grammar grades.

THE PSYCHOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES OF EDUCATION. A Study in the Science of Education. By Herman Harrell Horne, Ph. D. 12mo, pp. xiii, 434. (The Macmillan Company.)

A study of scientific principles as an aid to teaching.

FICTION.

MOON-FACE AND OTHER STORIES. By Jack London. 12mo, pp. v, 270. (The Macmillan Company.)

The story which gives the book its title is an account of a brutal and ingenious murder.

JANE CABLE. By George Barr McCutcheon. Illustrated in color by Harrison Fisher. 12mo, pp. 336. (Dodd, Mead & Co.)

THE SONG OF THE PINES. By Robert Valentine Mathews. Illustrated by James Varrier. 12mo, pp. vi, 350. (Edwin C. Hill Company.)

A romance of the Welsh sheep raisers.

THE FACE OF CLAY. An Interpretation. By Horace A. Vachell. 12mo, pp. 359. (Dodd, Mead & Co.)

A story of a Breton artist.

THE BURGLARS' CLUB. A Romance in Twelve Chronicles. By Henry A. Hering. Illustrated by F. H. Townsend. 12mo, pp. 280. (W. B. Dodge & Co.)

The entrance fee to the club is a successful town burglary, the subject being set by the president, and every other year each member is obliged to renew his subscription in like manner.

THE SPIRIT OF BAMBATSE. By H. Rider Haggard. Illustrated. 12mo, pp. vii, 319. (Longmans, Green & Co.)

BLINDFOLDED. By Earle Ashley Walcott. Illustrated by Alice Barber Stephens. 12mo, pp. 400. (Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill Company.)

MAX FARGUS. By Owen Johnson. Illustrated. 12mo, pp. v, 315. (Baker & Taylor Company.)

A story of hate and revenge.

JUVENILIA.

THE ADVENTURES OF BILLY TOPSAIL. A story for boys. By Norman Duncan. Illustrated. 12mo, pp. 331. (Fleming H. Revell Company.)

The story of a Newfoundland fisher lad.

THE STORY OF MARIE DE ROZEL. By Alicia Aspinwall. With photogravure frontispiece. 12mo, pp. 82. (E. P. Dutton & Co.)

The story of a brave little Huguenot maid.

A TOY TRAGEDY. A story for children. By Mrs. Henry de la Pasture. Illustrated by Katharine May Roberts. 12mo, pp. 278. (E. P. Dutton & Co.)

A story of four motherless children who are left to the mercies of an unsympathetic maiden aunt.

THE RUSSIAN GRANDMOTHER'S WONDER TALES. By Louise Seymour Houghton. Illustrated by W. T. Benda. 12mo, pp. xviii. (Charles Scribner's Sons.)

Fairy tales taken from the folklore of South Slavonia.

TWO-LEGS. By Carl Ewald. Translated from the Danish by Alexander Teixeira de Mattos. 16mo, pp. 148. (Charles Scribner's Sons.)

The story of creation written in fairy tale fashion.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A CHILD'S RECOLLECTIONS OF TENNYSON. By Edith Nicholl Ellison. Illustrated. 12mo, pp. 112. (E. P. Dutton & Co.)

ATLAS OF PHYSIOLOGY AND ANATOMY OF THE HUMAN BODY. A Series of Colored Plates, with Parts Overlaid to Show Dissections. With Descriptive Matter Prepared for Schools. By Alfred Mason Amadon, A. M., M. D. 4to, pp. 80. (Boston: Little, Brown & Co.)

THOUGHT AND THINGS. A Study of the Development and Meaning of Thought or Genetic Logic. By James Mark Baldwin. Vol. I. Functional Logic, or Genetic Theory of Knowledge. 8vo, pp. xiv, 273. (The Macmillan Company.)

In the "Library of Philosophy," edited by J. H. Muirhead, LL. D.

ON READING. An Essay. By George Brandes. 12mo, pp. 64. (Duffield & Co.)

POETRY.

CHINATOWN BALLADS. By Wallace Irwin. Illustrated. 12mo, pp. 82. (Duffield & Co.)

TRUMPET AND FLAG, AND OTHER POEMS OF WAR AND PEACE. By Edward Sydney Tylee. 12mo, pp. 132. (G. P. Putnam's Sons.)

EPIC BALLADS OF "UNCLE SAM." By John Bunyan Robinson, Ph. D., LL. D., D. D. 12mo, pp. 148. (Published by the author.)

A WHIMSEY ANTHOLOGY. Collected by Carolyn Wells. 16mo, pp. xvi, 288. (Charles Scribner's Sons.)

POLITICAL SCIENCE.

SIDELIGHTS ON THE HOME RULE MOVEMENT. By Sir Robert Anderson, K. C. B., LL. D. 8vo, pp. xii, 253. (E. P. Dutton & Co.)

RELIGIOUS.

THE APOSTLES' CREED IN MODERN WORSHIP. By William R. Richards. 12mo, pp. 168. (Charles Scribner's Sons.)

REPRINTS.

READINGS OF THE INFERNO OF DANTE. Based upon the Commentary of Benvenuto da Imola and other authorities. With text and literal translations by the Hon. William Warren Vernon. With introduction by Edward Moore, D. D. In two volumes. Illustrated. Second edition, entirely rewritten. 12mo, pp. lxxxix, 601, 681. (The Macmillan Company.)

THE MAKERS OF ENGLISH POETRY. By W. J. Dawson. New and revised edition. 8vo, pp. 404. (Fleming H. Revell Company.)

MAKERS OF ENGLISH PROSE. By W. J. Dawson. New and revised edition. 8vo, pp. 308. (Fleming H. Revell Company.)

SOCIOLOGY.

THE ITALIAN IN AMERICA. By Eliot Lord, A. M., John J. D. Trenor and Samuel J. Barrows. Illustrated. 12mo, pp. ix, 208. (B. F. Buck & Co.)

A review of the Italian as farmer and laborer.

TRAVEL AND TOPOGRAPHY.

HIGHWAYS AND BYWAYS IN DORSET. By Sir Frederick Treves, Bart. With illustrations by Joseph Pennell. 12mo, pp. xviii, 369. (The Macmillan Company.)

A journey beginning at Shaftesbury, through Poole and Blandford, along the coast to Lyme Regis, and thence inland along the western border, ending at Dorchester. The pen pictures scattered through the text complete the charm of this volume.

A BOOK OF THE RHINE. From Cleve to Mainz. By S. Baring Gould. With eight illustrations in color and forty-eight other illustrations. 12mo, pp. xii, 345. (E. P. Dutton & Co.)

Representative incidents in the histories of the picturesque towns and castles, and descriptions of the scenic beauty of the country.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

PARSONS AND CLEAN POLITICS.

Old Republican Tells How to Prevent Deals with Democrats.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: As a Republican of more than thirty years' standing, and as a reader of The Tribune, which has never done anything else than stand only for the very cleanest kind of politics, I desire to say that Herbert E. Parsons ought to be elected chairman of the Republican County Committee, providing the Republican party desires to be dead sure of no more underhand deals with the Democratic party, as has been charged before under various other county chairmen, to the disadvantage of the party every time.

Mr. Parsons is certainly a man that can be trusted. His record bears me out in this statement. In our Assembly district, the 26th, we have on hand a savage fight to circumvent this much-wished-for state of affairs in the party, but it cannot be successful, as the enrolled Republicans are up in arms against any and every one who wants to tie us to a Democratic kite for political graft, as against the party's interest.

I was not satisfied with what my friend, Abraham Jordan, told me regarding the fight now on in our district, but I went out in person among the enrolled Republicans who cannot be purchased, scared, bulldozed or driven away from their duty, and verified every word Abraham Jordan said, that Isaac Newman must go as leader and Samuel Krulewich must take his place after the primary election on September 18 if the Republican party wishes to rid itself of the suspicion of Democratic deals in the future.

The Republicans of our district want to throw this stigma off the party. They are fully aware of the fact that leaders who are faithless to their party must be unfaithful to their constituents, because the very act of faithlessness to their party is an act of treachery to the constituents, and consequently an act for which they should be driven from the leadership in disgrace at the first opportune moment, which is the primary election shortly to come.

Herbert E. Parsons will be elected county chairman by more than 2 to 1.

Samuel Krulewich will bury Isaac Newman under an avalanche of ballots that will put snowdrifts of blizzard time to blush. And that very able Republican in the 26th Assembly District, Abraham Jordan, is in no small way responsible for it, as well as Mr. Schiff and Mr. Greene, who are working night and day, with all the captains and Republicans, to bring this about. All deserve the highest praise, which I hope you will allow in your paper from a thirty-year reader of The Tribune, who positively has no axe to grind.

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ADVOCATES PHONETIC SPELLING.

Minister Says President's Action Confers a Boon on Rising Generation.

To the Editor of The Tribune:

Sir: I cordially approve of President Roosevelt's order to government officials to spell 300 words in accordance with a system of orthography approximating pure phonetics. A pure phonetic alphabet will follow in due time. Though in my eighty-ninth year, yet I hope to live to see the adoption of the system which spells all words as they are pronounced. I know of no reason that they should be spelled differently. Till the time that the phonetic system is adopted let us all spell in accordance with the Roosevelt order.

The change in spelling is an admirable one. How incomparably better is it to change the orthography of the following sentence: "Though the tough cough and hiccough plough me through" to "Tho the tuf cof and hicup plow me thru." Nine-tenths of those who object to the Roosevelt improved spelling of the 300 words must believe with Lord Shaftesbury that "Ridicule is the test of truth," as they assail the reformed spelling with ridicule and ignore argument.

Why not spell phthisic thus, tizik? Why not omit all silent letters? Why not adopt a purely phonetic system and spell all words as they are pronounced? "Use and not derivation is the law of language." A Greek scholar will know that tizik, if spelled in that form, is derived from the Greek language without the unnecessary "phth"; if he is not a Greek scholar he will not know, even with the aid of the phth, that it is derived from the Greek. Our eminent lexicographers mourn over the fact that the orthography of the English is "unphilosophical, barbarous and uncouth beyond that of any language under heaven." The editors of Webster's International Dictionary thus express their disapproval. Vide Webster's International Dictionary, page xxxiii, section 38 of the article "A Brief History of the English Language," in the preface to the dictionary.

The defects of English spelling have to a great extent arisen from the mixture of different elements in the language. Neither the Anglo-Saxon orthography nor the Norman French was distinguished for its regularity. But when the two were thrown together, the result was a mass of confusion and anomaly hardly to be paralleled, except, perhaps, in the spelling of the native Irish. The present system retains much of this chaotic character. It is, perhaps, too firmly fixed for extensive changes such as could alone effect a material improvement. But it is not creditable to the English name, nor accordant with the practical spirit of the English people. With a multitude of signs for the same sound, and a multitude of sounds for the same sign, it poorly fulfils the original and proper office of orthography, to indicate pronunciation, nor does it better fulfil the improper office, which some would assert for it, of a guide to etymology. It imposes a needless burden on the native learner. To a foreigner it seriously aggravates the difficulty of acquiring the language, and thus restricts the influence of English literature on the mind of the world.—Webster's International Dictionary, page 33.

Worcester also favors the phonetic system, as also does the editor of the Standard Dictionary, Dr. Funk, after twenty-eight years of incessant labor the writer has perfected a phonetic alphabet, script and print, which will soon be published. By the use of this alphabet children and illiterates will be able to learn to read and write in as many months as it requires years by the use of the present alphabet in common use. Cultured people can learn this system in an hour. Some can read it on sight. The words "thro" and "thru," to which greatest objection has been made, have been in common use by the educated for many years. Nearly all my correspondents use those forms, and doubtless will continue to use them. They will also, I think, be glad to adopt the Roosevelt orthography for many more than the three hundred words. Its only defect is that it is not purely phonetic. But the phonetic system will come in due time. The 300 words are the harbinger of the only philosophic system in the near future. By inaugurating this change the President becomes a benefactor of humanity, especially of the rising generation, which will be liberated from the drudgery of learning to read and write by the absurd and unphilosophical method insisted upon by the conservatives.

Cordially, (The Rev.) JOHN H. AUGHEY.

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OBJECTS TO REFORMED SPELLING.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Knowing that The Tribune is always in the lead for the advancement of literature and science, I have been hoping to find in its editorials a strong protest against the nondescript sort of reformed spelling recommended by President Roosevelt for use in the government departments and opposing its adoption elsewhere. If the present spelling is to be simplified on phonetic rules, each vowel must retain its true sound in all words. Sir Isaac Pitman, of England, and his brother, Benn, in Cincinnati, spent the greater part of their lives in trying to perfect a phonetic system of spelling and writing, formed on classical and scientific principles. It would be deplorable now to see the English language defaced and deformed by an incongruous sort of spelling that is neither consistent nor practicable.

When all English speaking scholars of deep learning shall meet together and decide on changes to simplify the present method of spelling then there may be some reason for taking into serious consideration any proposed alteration.

E. P.

New York, Sept. 15, 1906.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Oscar Hoffman, of No. 149 Manhattan avenue, whose automobile ran down Emil Boden, sixteen years old, of 182d street and Grand avenue, late Saturday night, at Fordham Road and Jerome avenue, was held in the West Chester court yesterday in $1,000 bail for examination on Wednesday. The boy received several slight bruises. He was taken to the Fordham Hospital, but refused medical attendance.

The last services for the season were held at Tent Evangel, Broadway and 57th street, yesterday afternoon and evening. The services at Tent Evangel No. 2, at 124th street, near Eighth avenue, will continue about one month longer. Superintendent George H. McPherson said yesterday that the season had been very successful. Beginning on June 3 336 services were held, including ninety children's services. At the main services there was an attendance of over 100,000 people, while 5,200 children attended their special services.

FIREMAN HURT BY HYDRANT BLOW-OUT.

One fireman was severely injured and property valued at $50,000 was destroyed in a fire at the plant of the Pioneer Iron Works, in Brooklyn, yesterday morning. The works occupied a three story brick building from No. 149 to No. 163 Pioneer street, near Van Brunt street. The fire started in the pattern room on the top floor of the building. The plant was almost entirely destroyed. The injured man was Vincent Coffle, an engineer. The coupling of a hydrant blew off and hit him in the abdomen. He has internal injuries.

CALL FRANCHISE VOID.

Little Work Done by Westchester Road, Say Rock Drillers.

On behalf of the Rock Drillers' Union and several other organizations employed in railroad construction work, a preamble and resolutions were sent to the Central Federated Union yesterday declaring that the New York, Westchester & Boston Railroad had forfeited its charter. The preamble stated that the concern was to do construction work worth $1,000,000 in the Borough of The Bronx within two years from the time when it received its franchise or forfeit the franchise. The period expired, it was said, on August 2, 1906, and the road had not expended $500 in actual construction in the borough. It was also said that the railroad had no valid franchise in Pelham Manor, New Rochelle, Larchmont, Port Chester, Mamaroneck, Harrison, Rye or White Plains.

On account of the tactics the road had been pursuing for the last two years, it was alleged, other enterprises in the Borough of The Bronx and elsewhere had been held up, preventing the immediate employment of thousands of workmen.

The preamble further said that the present condition of the New York, Westchester & Boston Railroad was preventing the completion of the maps of The Bronx and the development of some fourteen thousand acres of land on which otherwise there would be building operations. Thus, it said, the building up of the eastern part of The Bronx and Westchester County was retarded.

The resolutions called on the Central Federated Union to ask, "in the interest of organized labor and the public at large," that the Mayor, the Board of Estimate and the President of the Borough of The Bronx, at the earliest opportunity, declare the franchise of the New York, Westchester & Boston Railroad forfeited. It asks these officials to direct the Corporation Counsel to take such steps as will immediately end any future operations of this railroad.

The matter was left in the hands of a special committee of the trades interested, who will see the city officials and urge the carrying out of the requirements of the resolution.

FOUR MISSING AFTER HOTEL FIRE.

Ottawa, Sept. 16.—Four persons are still missing after the Gilmour hotel fire. Miss L. Loveday, of Peterboro, Ont.; W. Wilson, of Montreal; a man named Shillington and a woman named Renaud, addresses unknown, have not been heard from.

Water is still being played on the burning ruins and a search is impossible.

STUDENT KILLED BY FALL FROM TRAIN.

Huntingdon, Penn., Sept. 16.—George Daugherty, of East Liverpool, Penn., at student at the Juniata College, in this city, fell from a train to-day and was instantly killed.

Mortgage Sales.

MORTGAGEES SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—Pursuant to the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by the BERKSHIRE WHITE BRICK COMPANY to the EMPIRE TRUST COMPANY, dated June 28, 1904, and recorded in the State of Massachusetts in Berkshire Southern District Registry in Book 192, page 34, and following, there will be sold at public auction for breach of condition of said mortgage on Monday, the first day of October, 1906, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at the south end of the main building factory, on the land hereinafter described, the following real and personal property to wit: All the plant and property owned by the said mortgagor at the time of giving said mortgage or acquired since that time of every kind and description, real, personal and mixed, and wheresoever situated, including all the right, title, interest, claim and demand of every kind or nature, legal or equitable, of the Company in and to all Letters-Patent of any kind, and any interest therein, and any licenses or contracts in respect thereto, which were held at the time of giving said mortgage or have been acquired since that time, covering devices or inventions contained in any article or thing which is manufactured, sold, or used in the conduct of its business. All its franchises and the goodwill of the business conducted and carried on by the said mortgagor, as well as any and all trade marks or trade names owned at the time of giving said mortgage and since acquired. All books of account of any and every kind, name and nature, owned at the time of giving said mortgage and since acquired, kept by the Company in the conduct of its business. The following real estate situated in New Marlborough, in the County of Berkshire, State of Massachusetts, near the village of Clayton, on the East side of the highway, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post at the Southwest corner and the Northwest corner of the burying ground; thence South 69 degrees East 25 chains and 13 links, to a stone in line of land of the Deming Estate; thence South, 81 degrees East 7 chains, to the East end of the stone wall; thence North, 10 degrees East, 1 chain and 50 links, to a heap of stones; thence South, 78½ degrees East, 8 chains and 4 links, to the East end of the wall, a corner of Emmon's land; thence North, 12½ degrees East, 11 chains and 70 links, to a heap of stones at Emmon's Northwest corner; thence South, 80¼ degrees East, 7 chains and 35 links, to a stone in the ground; thence North, 11 degrees East, 9 chains and 7 links, to a heap of stones; thence North, 77¼ degrees West, 6 chains and 53 links, to a white pine bush and stones; thence South, 82¼ degrees West, 7 chains and 37 links, to a walnut tree, marked, and stones; thence North, 84¼ degrees West, 8 chains and 44 links, to a walnut tree in the wall; thence same course, 1 chain and 4 links, to the West bank of the Konkapot River; thence South, 57¾ degrees West, 1 chain and 19 links, on the bank of said river; thence South, 79 degrees West, 2 chains and 35 links, on the bank of said river; thence North 87¼ degrees West, 1 chain and 95 links, on the bank of said river; thence North 69 degrees West, 2 chains and 62 links, to an elm tree on the bank of said river; thence North 59¾ degrees West, 6 chains and 86 links, on the bank of said river; thence South, 74¼ degrees West, 2 chains and 36 links, on the bank of said river; thence North, 63 degrees West, 2 chains and 62 links, to a stone in the ground in the east line of the highway, being the Southwest corner of land formerly of Robert L. Taft; thence on the East line of said road, South, 31 degrees West, 4 chains and 84 links, to a maple tree, marked; thence on the East line of said road, South, 29 degrees West, 11 chains and 85 links, to the place of beginning; containing 73 acres and 13 rods of land. Being the same premises conveyed to Henry E. Lyles by Martha G. D. Taft, by deed dated June 23, 1890, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds at Great Barrington, in said County of Berkshire, in Book 165, Page 434. Also, all that certain real estate situated near the village of Clayton, in New Marlborough, in said County of Berkshire, being in three parcels, one of which is bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake and stones on the North side of a large oak tree on the East side of the road leading from Clayton Postoffice to the former residence of Gersham M. Fitch, and at the Northwest corner thereof; thence South, 83 degrees East, 9 chains and 43 links, to a heap of stones; thence South, 80 degrees East, 20 chains and 70 links, to a heap of stones at the Northeast corner; thence South, 2 degrees West, 7 chains and 45 links, to a white pine bush and stones; thence South 82½ degrees West, 7 chains and 37 links, to a walnut tree, marked, and stones; thence North, 84¼ degrees West, 8 chains and 44 links, to a large walnut tree, marked, standing in the wall; thence same course, 1 chain and 4 links, to the West bank of the Konkapot River; thence on the West bank of said river, South, 57¾ degrees West, 1 chain and 19 links; thence on the bank of said river, South, 79 degrees West, 2 chains and 35 links, to an elm tree; thence on the bank of said river, North, 87½ degrees West, 1 chain and 95 links; thence on the bank of said river, North 69 degrees West, 2 chains and 62 links, to an elm tree; thence North, 59¾ degrees West, 6 chains and 86 links; thence on the bank of said river, South, 74¼ degrees West, 2 chains and 36 links; thence North, 63 degrees West, 2 chains and 62 links, to a stone set in the ground in the East line of the highway; thence in the East line of said highway, North, 31¼ degrees East, 9 chains and 62 links, to place of beginning; containing 32 acres, 1 rood, and 37 rods of land, more or less. Also another parcel of land lying between the roads called the "Lime Kiln Lot," bounded as follows: Beginning at a post at the Northeast corner thereof, in the West line of the road leading from Clayton Postoffice to the late residence of Gersham M. Fitch, the same being Luther Lindsey's Southeast corner; thence South, 29½ degrees West, 5 coains and 5 links, to a post, the Northeast corner of the school house lot, thence North, 83¾ degrees West, 1 chain and 46 links, to a post, the Northwest corner of said school house lot; thence North, 13¼ degrees West, 4 chains and 91 links, to said Lindsey's Southwest corner; thence on line of said Lindsey land, South, 83¾ degrees East, 5 chains and 18 links, to the place of beginning; containing 1 acre, 2 roods, and 8 rods of land, more or less. Also another parcel lying on the West side of the Konkapot road, and bounded as follows: Beginning at a heap of stones at the Northeast corner thereof, and in