

## NOTES AND NEWS

*Both of the editors-in-chief of this Review are advocates of the movement for the simplification of English spelling. Within appropriate limits, contributors will be freely permitted to follow their individual predilections in the matter.*

"Si on écrivoit *connaissais* au lieu de *connoissois*," wrote Bossuet, "qui reconnoistroit ce mot?"

It is announced that the "France-Amérique" Committee, formed last winter under the leadership of Gabriel Hanotaux, ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs, to develop closer intellectual and commercial relations between France and the two Americas, has now been placed upon a solid footing. The committee has begun the publication of a monthly magazine, and a large number of the prominent men of France have agreed to coöperate actively in the work.

The many friends of Paul Meyer and of Romance letters will rejoice that the eminent editor of the *Romania* is recovering from his recent illness. The April and July numbers of the *Romania* have just appeared as a double number.

A bronze medal has been struck in honor of Marcelino Menéndez y Pelayo on the occasion of his having been elected Director of the *Real Academia de la Historia* of Madrid. The modelling of the medal is due to the sculptor Lorenzo Coullaut Valera, and the presentation was made by friends and admirers of Sr. Menéndez y Pelayo.

There have been several appointments in Romance languages at Toronto University, where our studies are flourishing. Dr. Milton A. Buchanan becomes Associate Professor of Italian and Spanish; St. Elma de Champ, Associate Professor of French; J. A. Will, Lecturer in French; A. E. Hamilton, Instructor in French. Professor Buchanan has become co-editor of the *Romanischer Jahresbericht*, in the department of Spanish literature. Professor Baist remains in charge of Spanish filology.

An arrangement has been concluded between the University of Paris and Columbia University for an annual course of lectures at the latter institution. Ferdinand Brunot has been selected to lecture at Columbia next winter.

Professor Elizabeth Wallace, of the University of Chicago, will pass next year at the Woman's College, Madrid, where she will devote most of her time to the preparation of a biographical sketch of Fernan Caballero. She recently secured for the University of Chicago some valuable unpublished letters of Fernan Caballero. These letters, about 700 in number, are all adrest to Antoine de Latour, and have considerable literary as well as political interest. Miss Wallace's adress will be: Instituto Internacional, 5 Fortuny, Madrid.

Associate Professor Henry C. Lancaster, of Amherst College, has been made professor of Romance languages at that institution, and Assistant Professor William A. Stowell becomes Associate Professor.

The department of modern languages at Lehigh University has been divided. Charles Shattuck Fox becomes the head of the department of Romance languages, and Philip M. Palmer, head of the department of German.

Mr. W. O. Farnsworth, recently professor of Modern Languages at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., has accepted a position as Instructor in University Extension in French at Columbia University. Mr. Rudolph Altrocchi has accepted a similar position. Mr. Altrocchi went abroad two years ago as Traveling Fellow of Harvard University, and has past the last two years in Italy and France.

Mr. R. C. Eldridge, whose address is Drawer L, Niagara Falls, New York, has offered a prize of \$250 for the most satisfactory fonetic alfabet, the same to be submitted and past upon by the Simplified Spelling Board, New York City. Additional sums will be welcome, to make the prize worthy of the effort requird. Mention may here be made of a most important event concerning a fonetic alfabet for text-books and dictionaries in English. The National Educational Association, at its recent meeting at Boston, adopted the key alfabet which was mentiond in the last number of this journal, page 226. Copies of this alfabet were orderd printed and distributed among the members of the Association. Pamflets on the alfabet and spelling reform have recently been publisht by the following gentlemen: C. L. Annan, St. Paul, Minnesota; Wm. H. Hurst, 3115 Madison St., Chicago, Illinois; E. Whitney, Weehawken, New Jersey; O. C. Blackmer, Oak Park, Illinois.

Mr. C. E. Young, Instructor in Romance languages at Vanderbilt University, has accepted a position in the department at the University of Wisconsin.

Professor Karl Pietsch, of the University of Chicago, has been elected a corresponding member of the Spanish Royal Academy.

Professor D. B. Easter, of Randolph-Macon College, has resigned to accept the chair of Romance Languages in Washington and Lee University.

Dr. J. E. Shaw, Associate in Italian in the Johns Hopkins University, has been made Associate Professor of Italian in the same institution.

Mr. R. H. Plaisance, of Miami University, will return to the University of Michigan next year as Instructor in Romance languages.

Mr. Wm. Kühne, a graduat student at Harvard University, has become Assistant Professor of Romance languages at Miami University. Professor Kühne receivd his first degree from the University of Montpellier, and his A.M. from the University of Chicago.

Assistant Professor Ernest Roy Greene, of Dartmouth College, has resignd to accept a position at Tufts College.

Assistant Professor Ernest F. Langley, of Dartmouth College, has accepted the headship of the newly-constituted department of Romance languages at the Boston Institute of Technology.

Mr. Oscar E. Staaf has been appointed instructor in Romance languages in Adelbert College, Western Reserve University.