

about five millions of dollars. This would satisfy, in some measure, the present wants of our people. Anything much short of this would greatly weaken the interest of both parents and children. They would consider it unwise, to engage in a reformation, so limited in its scope, to the vast store-house of knowledge, printed in the old orthography.

A successful revolution, in the very foundations of science and education, can only be accomplished by a heavy expenditure of capital, combined with the united effort of a great people, such as now exist in this Territory.

For the want of union, there is no other Territory, or State, that can accomplish this great and desirable change. Let the people of our mountain home, be once convinced of the practicability and usefulness of this grand undertaking; let them see that there is a more expeditious and simple way of obtaining knowledge; let them understand that a few volumes of educational works need printing in the phonotype form; let them be assured that these will be gradually succeeded by a few scores of other volumes, together with phonotype newspapers and other interesting periodicals; let them be persuaded that their most pressing wants in literature and science, will be supplied in the new type, and they will untiedly open their hearts and patronize this most useful enterprise. The hundred thousand dollars, now annually expended for books in the old type, would be turned in the channel of the new. The capital, thus arising, could be expended in additional publications; and probably a half century would not elapse, before all the useful books in the English language could be transformed into phonotype volumes. Thus the old orthography would become obsolete, and the new be perpetuated for the benefit of all future generations.

But a few years more, and our population will number a half-million; the demand for books will be increased many fold. Shall we supply this demand, by importations from abroad? Or shall we manufacture the paper, make our own phonotype, and perform all the mechanical work here? Millions of Laborers are to be civilized, converted and taught the

English language, and be educated therein. What years of unproductive labor will be avoided, by teaching them through the aid of a phonetic alphabet. The same is true, in relation to all people of a foreign tongue, who may wish to identify themselves with this people, and study our language. Phonetics, not only teach foreigners how to read, but they also teach them the exact pronunciation of every word. Shall we, by our apathy and indifference, withhold from foreigners and from our rising generations, a blessing of such immense value?

Every inhabitant of our Territory should consider himself a member of a Phonetic Society—should consider himself bound by the most sacred duties to his children, to patronize by his influence, and by his wealth, a system of education, so all-important in its future bearings upon mankind.

The teachers in this association should carefully consider this subject; should devise the most feasible plans, to successfully introduce this desired reformation in all the schools of our Territory; they should agitate this subject both privately and publicly, until the incessant demands of the people for phonotype educational works, shall inspire confidence in capitalists to furnish the same.

When other Territories and States see that we are in earnest upon this subject, and that we are in a fair way to render practicable, that which they, as well as we, have so long and so anxiously desired, they will undoubtedly follow our example; if so, the desired revolution can be accomplished in a much shorter time, and the transformation of our libraries from the old to the new system, be greatly expedited.

Whether we engage in this honorable enterprise or not, one thing is certain, the work will be done. Our educational system must be revolutionized—must be reconstructed upon a new and more perfect basis, adapted to a new era—a new era—far in advance of the old. The great temple of science must be erected upon the solid foundations of everlasting truth; its towering spires must mount upward, reaching higher and still higher, until crowned with the glory and presence of Him, who is Eternal.

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