Periodically, there seems to be a demand for an epicene pronoun. Meade in the Booklovers' Magazine (he or she), 'hizzer' (his or her), 'hinnor' (him or her) have been suggested, evidently by some facetious person who has no respect for the English language. Mr. C. Converse's word then has been approved by eminent philologists and is to be found in the recent dictionaries, but it does not seem to grow in popular favor, though suggested many years ago. Another apparent necessity, especially for business correspondence, is a noun of common gender. Doubtless a valuable addition to our vocabulary would be an acceptable noun to designate a correspondent of either sex. The, courtesy not too effusive, the implied recognition as of a person of distinction or at least of individual merit to be expressed in such a word, make the concept of it all the more elusive; and even altruism, conscious of the need years ago, did not straightway go and find the available term.

There should be, in new words, seriously considered, what Dr. William Colby Cooper calls the natural stress of special oughtness. The St. James Gazette thinks there is a need for certain new verbs. "We want," it says, "popular verbs for several operations introduced by modern science. The X-rays, the Finsen treatment for lupus, the operation of radium for cancer, and what not?—what are the words for these? A man is guillotined or hanged, his leg is amputated, he is trepanned. What is it when he is rayed. Finsened, radiumed? We still want a wireless word. What is the synonym for telephone when one speaks over the instrument to which a phonograph is attached? And have we finally agreed that to motor is the verb to travel by automobile?

The natural stress of special oughtness should apply a word to use when we find the neighbor has borrowed the Sunday paper and is reading it on the porch, a word that will not shatter the peaceful Sabbath to fragments, yet will express what we feel about it. Also one that might be employed as a species of safety valve when the motorman needs not your frantic signaling. A thousand and one occasions arise in modern life when words that are in general use seem profitless and tame, inadequate to proper expression of the thoughts and feelings; and unquestionably this want should be supplied at as early a date as is possible. We need both verbs and pronouns, not to speak of a fresh set of terms of endearment.