A respected correspondent, referring to our remark in our issue of the 24th ult., to the effect that there is a great want in our language of a personal pronoun in the singular possessive common gender, says:

I do not claim any authority as a philologist or grammarian, but allow me to say that I have sometimes sportively among my friends made the "bold dash," not dreaming that the dignified Congregationalist would ever call for, or ever look with any favor on what must, in the nature of the case, at first sound so oddly, and have sonorous at a look. But here it is at your service: the syllable han declined thus: nom. han, pos. hans, obj. han. This syllable is uns appropriated, it is short, it is sufficiently euphonious, it is enough like the other pronouns to belong to the same family, yet is perfectly distinct from any of them. It admits also of the compound hanself, which will be found necessary.

It would of course sound strangely at first to say: (quoting your sentences) "Every one must judge of his own feelings." "Every boy or girl must study his own lesson." But we should soon become accustomed to the word, and its sound. Then a minister could say: "Every member of this church should cultivate a sense of his responsibility and seek to prepare himself for every duty." Then the patriot could say: "Every person in the community should give his aid to the cause of liberty." Probably the following sentence would contain all the forms ever needed: "While the earth was quaking, every inhabitant of the city rushed out of his dwelling, and threw himself on the ground, expecting every moment that it would open under him, and that he would go down alive into his grave."

True, the nominative and objective cases are the same in form, but this would be shared with it, its, it.

Now, Mr. Editor, I have made the "bold dash" in moving "an amendment," and I shall expect you to get it carried by acclamation. I am well aware that you will have the hardest part of the work, for a hundred new nouns and adjectives, and fifty new verbs might more easily be incorporated into the language, than one new pronoun. While every writer of English has felt the want of such a pronoun to help him through with his sentences, yet probably every one will shake his hoary head, or his curly head, when this little handy useful word comes to his aid. Thus my amendment will perhaps be hooted down with ridicule, rather than carried by acclamation. That, however, is your lookout, not mine.

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