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THEIR MODERN DIALECTAL RANGE, MEANINGS,
PRONUNCIATION, ETYMOLOGY,
AND
EARLY OR LITERARY USE.

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CORRIGENDA.

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- Page 16, delete line 6—"As we shall see, both are derived from the Anglo-Saxon."
.. 20, line 29—(Division) "I" should be "IL."
.. 31, line 6 from bottom—*Sesys* should be *Szys*.

SUMMARY OF DETAILS.

	CLM.	LAKE.	NESE.	OSL.
I. DIALECTAL RANGE:—				
i. From Printed Books:—				
No. of Glossaries	47	35	50	39
" Counties—				
" In England	17	7	20	13
" Wales	1		1	1
" Ireland	2			
Also—	N. of England	N. of England	N. & W. of England	N. of England
ii. From my own Researches:*				
No. of Counties	14	2	15	8
" Places	46	7	45	21
II. EARLY OR LITERARY USAGE:—				
Period	1362 to 1649	12 th cent. to 1570	c. 1200 to 1649	1325 to C. 1400
No. of Books or Works....	7	32	35	2

* I may here explain that in recording the "Phonology of English Dialects" what is primarily required is the dialectal pronunciation of *literary or received English* words, in order that the varied forms of pronunciation may be compared for all English counties; this will be done in Mr. Ellis's great work on the subject now in preparation, which will form Part V. of his *Early English Pronunciation*. Hence, purely dialectal words, as *ctm, w24, g21, &c.*, are not available for this general comparison, their area of usage being only parts of the country respectively; consequently, these have not received the same degree of attention as representative received English words, such as *father, mother, day, even, house, home, night, soon, &c.* Had special inquiries been made during my dialectal tours, the number of places at which these words are respectively current might have been much extended.

P R E F A C E .

§ 1. The title page indicates with almost sufficient completeness the purport and scope of this contribution to the English Dialect Society's publications. Selecting four characteristic and expressive words which are still current in our Dialects, but have long been lost to the standard language, I have endeavoured to ascertain the range of each, so far as that is discoverable from published glossaries and my own personal researches for a number of years. I have given the meaning and shades of meaning of the words as they are employed in the several localities, together with the variations in the pronunciation; the last-named being the result of actual personal hearing of the every-day use of the words by natives, noted down during my somewhat extensive phonological travels in about *twenty-five* English counties, and Denbighshire and Flintshire (detached), in Wales.

§ 2. To complete the examination, I have added examples of the use of the four words by Early and Middle English writers, as well as illustrative colloquial sentences or specimens from the glossarists; and I have ventured, with the assistance of eminent philologists (see § 6), to give the etymology of each word.

§ 3. Apart from the pronunciations which I have been able to record, the differences in which are suggestive and valuable, it will be observed that I have brought into one view information which was previously scattered over a wide area. The labour involved in such a collation has necessarily been considerable, and the result, I trust, will be of some appreciable service to students of the history of our language.