

THE ORTHOGRAPHY OF THE NAME.

THE changes that occur in family names in the course of half a score of generations, as in this case, are curious and interesting. From the best information that can be obtained, the original name was as we spell it, "Haight" and of German origin. Several years ago in the course of my reading I came across the name—I forget the title of the book—it was included among several other German names of notable men, but with the prefix, thus, Von Haight. The author of the Hoyt and Haight Family, says: That in the early part of this century a member of the Hoyt family made inquiry in England concerning his ancestry, and was informed that they were originally from Germany where the name was spelled Haight, but when they settled in England it was changed to Hoit. The reason for the change is not given, it certainly could not have been because the change gave it a more euphonious sound. The change was made, however, and the manner of spelling the name Hoyte continues in England at the present time. I have noticed when in England that I was almost invariably addressed as Mr. Hoyte. It is remarkable how many ways this short name is spelled, for instance, Hoyt, Hoit, Hoyte, Haite, Hoytt, Hoitt, Hoyet, Hoyett, Hoyette, Hoyght, Hoight, Hight, Hite, Hyatt, Hayte, Hait, Hayt, Haight, Haytee, Haitt, Height, Hoett, Hayt, Hoith, Hoitte, Hoyat, Hawitt, Hyet, Hioght, Hiot, Hyot, Houit, Hyte, and perhaps several