

but the frequent and best use, as well as contractions, show the *r* to be spurious as

kallag, brennig, telk, *for* kalla ek etc.,
hyggig, hykk *for* hygg ek etc.

126. It is more correct to end the 1st Pers. of the Imperfect in *-a*, than in *-i*, for the preceding part of the verb has always those vowels which harmonize with *a* and not with *i*, except when *i* in the Present has been substituted by derivation and runs in every tense through the entire word, as *brenni*, from *brann*.

127. The 1st Pers. of the Conj. Present is also more correctly ended in *a* than *i*, but both are frequently used, and good manuscripts prefer in certain cases the *-i*.

Abbreviations like *hugðak* (Lodbrkv. 24) *munak* (Snorra E. 35) also prove the termination *-a*.

The 1st Person Plural has *-im*, in harmony with the other termination, and by a general use of the ancients; in the modern language this person has been changed into *-um* as the Indicative (*köllum, brennum, teljum*).

128. The 1st Pers. of the Conj. Imp. has sometimes *-a* instead of *i* in ancient writers, chiefly used by the Skalds; but it is less correct considering the vowel of the chief syllable. It is therefore less correct to say *vekþa ek* than *vekti ek*
bæþa ek - bæði ek
(Snorra E. 97) except the third person be taken, which could perhaps be placed in the 1st pers., as is done in the oriental languages.

It is however always correct in the plural that the 1st pers. should terminate in *-im*, the 2nd in *-it*, although, *-um, ut*, is to be met with in more recent Mss. In all verbs, (except the 1st Class) with the modification of vowel in the principal syllable, which requires the termination *-i*, as:

kölluðum, kölluðut, brendum, brendut, teldum,
teldut.

The 3rd Pers. is only found in *u*, in the modern Icelandic of the northern dialect, as:

kölluðu, brendu, teldu

although these forms have crept into all Mss. The two first persons in *-um* and *-ut* are generally wrong, even if they appear in the Sagas or the Skalds.