

Sounds something analogous to w and y consonant are found in the Ojibway, and have been generally represented by these letters, than which nothing could tend more effectually to mislead the English student; for there are no such sounds in the language, nor can an Ojibway, without much effort, pronounce the words yes, young, wind, want, but will say what the following letters of the Ojibway alphabet accurately express: eaz, eung, oend, ouund, proving these to be his native sounds. Nor can diphthongs be formed by the union of e and any Ojibway vowel, and of o and any vowel in the language, without forming this squeezed diphthongal sound, nearly corresponding with our y and w, yet sufficiently distinct to betray him as a foreigner, who reads from false orthography, or follows the propensity of his mother tongue.

My present limits will only allow me to present to those capable of judging on the subject, a proof of the efficiency of the alphabet here adopted, to express the various sounds in the language, by analyzing one word which may serve as a fair test, while any and every other word in the language will, according to its grammatical construction, afford similar demonstration.

The word I shall here present is nembuubendandumooenenuunen; in English, *our laughers of mind*—dividing the word at every distinct