On Words derived from N. A. Indian Languages.

is a contraction of wuTOHTIMOn, or rather of the Chippeway equivalent of the verb wuTOTEMu. The initial t belongs to the prefix, not to the root. In the Chippeway, Baraga gives

"odaiim, his property," inanimate.

- "odáian, his dog" [literally, his animate property].
- "odéna, village, town, city" [literally, his belonging]. "nind odem, my Indian family-mark;"
- "od odem an, his family mark,"-which corresponds to the Mass. wut ohtim oin (Eliot).
- "odé [Mass. wuttah] his heart," is probably from the same root.

This word appears curiously disguised in Lescarbot's His-- toire de la Nouv. France (ed. 1612, p. 683). The Souriquois (Micmacs), he says, call the devil by the name aoutem; and their soothsayers and diviners, aoutmoins. Membertou, a Souriquois sachem, himself one of these aoutmoins, used to wear about his neck the badge of his profession, "a threecornered purse, covered with embroidery, in which he kept I know not what, of the size of a walnut, which he said was his demon, called Aoutem." Father Biard, in the Relation of 1611, mentioned these autmoins of l'Acadie, "qui sont commes leurs prestres." With the prenominal prefix, wut, Micm. oot, aoutem becomes ootaoutem, and autmoin is ootaoutmoin, the Mass. wutohtimoin. What Lescarbot mistook for Membertou's "demon" was doubtless his totem and "great medicine."

The names which the English and Dutch gave to the beadwork and shell-money of the Indians,—wampum, peag, zeewand or seawan, etc.,—were all of Algonkin derivation, yet none of them was used by the Indians in their own language in the sense in which it was understood by the colonists. Shell-beads were of two colors, wompi 'white,' and sucki 'dark-colored, blackish or violet.' The white were the more common, and about half the value of the dark. When used as money, beads were usually strung, and the strings were measured by hand-breadths or fathoms: but sometimes they passed from hand to hand unstrung, by count. White beads were called, collectively, wompam, or wompanne, 'the white.' Ompeag was a generic suffix to denote a 'string' of shell-