

the exigencies of the Seneca, so as to prevent as far as possible, the necessity of future alterations. Till, however, a settled habit of spelling has been established, there will of course be variations in orthography corresponding with the various modes in which different individuals speak or hear the same word; but these variations will occasion no serious inconvenience to the reader, any more than to the hearer of a speech, or conversation where they occur in the spoken language. The reader who pronounces as the words are written, and the writer who writes them accurately as they are spoken, will both be sufficiently correct for all purposes of practical utility.

It may not be improper, here to express our earnest hope, that all who have anything to do with Indians, and who are capable of appreciating the value of a written language, will strenuously exert themselves, to hasten forward the time when every Indian shall be fully able to express his own thoughts on paper, and derive his full measure of advantage from the written thoughts of others, and especially from the written Word of God, to whose blessing these incipient efforts to accomplish so desirable an object, are humbly and earnestly commended.



#### NOTE.

To those who may be inclined to criticise the style of our printing, we would remark, that we have no Italic type, and but one size of Roman letter. Several of the accented capitals, also, are wanting, punches not having been cut for them when the accented type was prepared, in Boston, some years since for printing Seneca. This will explain the breaks in the column of capitals, (in the alphabet,) and many other things which printers would deem irregularities. To furnish ourselves with Italic, and another size of Roman, with the capitals for each, sufficient for our little establishment, would require about \$150, before the type could be cast, and the whole expense would vary little from \$400; for the want of which, we are obliged to forego the advantages of beauty and variety in the style and execution of our work, and make the best we can of the facilities with which we are provided.