

tinct from the absentive, and is easily recognized, being invariably preceded by *moo* (*ma* in future), meaning not; while the absentive case conveys the idea of existence though apart for the time.

The dative is rather a locative case, marked by the termination *k*, a contraction of *iktook*, of which the original form may be seen almost complete, in *Ktcebooktook*, meaning in, at, or from Halifax, the *Ktcebookt* or *Uktce-bookt* (great harbour) of the Micmacs; the shortened termination is found in *wigwámk* and *kwédunk*. This case when used with names of persons denotes their place of residence, as *Polek*, 'at Paul's place.' There is little danger of confounding the termination for the dative case with that of the nominative plural animate, for in common usage animate subjects were combined with distinguishing pronouns, and rarely duplicated by the same person; for instance, I have one weapon, one net, one kettle, one sun, one moon, etc. The Vocative termination does not differ from the nominative in the singular of nouns or combined nouns and pronouns, except in the family terms *noo*, my father, *n'keje*, my mother, *n'wokeje*, my sister, and *ukēn*, my younger brother. Inanimate nouns, like neuter in Latin, retain the same form in accusative as nominative.

DECLENSION OF *tcēnum*, A MAN, (ANIMATE).

Singular.

Nominative, *tcēnum*, a man.
Dative, *tcēnumiktook*, from, with or by a man.
Accusative, *tcēnumool*, a man (objective).
Vocative, *tcēnum* ! O man !
Absentive, *tcēnumok*, an absent or dead man.
Negative, *moo tcēnumoenook*, not a man.
Terminative, *tcēnumū*, a man (and that ends it).

Plural.

tcēnumook.
tcēnumooiktook.
tcēnumoo.
tcēnumootool.
tcēnumoogwik.
moo tcēnumooenook.
tcēnumoogwooo.

DECLENSION OF *wigwám*, A DWELLING (INANIMATE).

Singular.

Nom. *wigwám*.
Dat *wigwámk*.
Acc. *wigwámool*.
Voc. *wigwám*.
Abs. *wigwámok*.
Neg. *moo wigwámoenook*.
Term. *wigwámū*.

Plural.

wigwámel.
wigwámeliktook.
wigwámoo.
wigwámootool.
wigwámooltijik.
moo wigwámooenook.
wigwámooogwooo.