

English the sound of z; but, while in attempting the pronunciation of this word he deviates from ch toward j, and from z toward s, it is no less obvious, that when he attempts to pronounce j and z in English words, he is equally unable to give these letters their true English sounds. Thus, when he utters the word Jesus, every English ear would in a moment detect him as a foreigner, because he pronounces the j with a softer sound than the English, a longer and more hissing sound to the first s, and a guttural sound precedes, in his pronunciation, the last letter; thus, his inability to give accurate utterance to these and all other words, where any of the above consonants occur, proves them to require a formation of the organs, differing from that to which he is accustomed: while the vowels in these words present no difficulty, being his native modulations. The true sound which the Ojibway gives to ch in cheese, and j in Jesus, is found in the Ojibway word for turnip, commonly written jeeze, which, to express it with English letters, would require to be written dtzhsheezs, uniting all the positions of the organs necessary to pronounce the letter j, the compound sound of ch, the long vowel ee, the guttural of z, and the hissing of s, following each other in more rapid succession than can be accomplished by a foreigner without much perse-