

PREFACE

The primary intention, the chief aim of the Editor in publishing this book, is to aid the young generation of the Abenakis tribe in learning English.

It is also intended to preserve the *uncultivated* Abenakis language from the gradual alterations which are continually occurring from want, of course, of some proper work showing the grammatical principles upon which it is dependent. Hence the many remarks and explanations which are to be found all through this book : *ciphers, italics, etc., etc.*, employed in view to extend its utility.

As no pains have been spared to render as easy as possible the learning of the pronunciation, and the signification of every Indian word inserted in this book, and that the Abenakis language contains no articula-