

English congregation ever responded in their prayers more fully than did the Oneidas in theirs. Williams also composed and got printed a small spelling and rudimental book, which greatly facilitated the learning of the young people to read Oneida or Mohawk. It was this thorough knowledge of the Mohawk, his mother tongue, and the captivating, forcible, elegant use he made of it, that gave him such a hold on the Oneidas, and all other Indians who heard him; and which he might have retained through life, but for his repeated and inexcusable equivocations, which finally lost him forever their confidence and respect.

Having now been with Mr. Williams something more than half a year, kept closely occupied, hearing him pronounce English, arranging his numerous papers, superintending his correspondence, correcting and Anglicizing his sermons, teaching his Indian congregation to sing the songs and chants of the church, with scarce a moment for study myself; and seeing no hopes of realizing those expectations held out to me by him at the commencement, of improving myself in an educational direction, I began to be ill at ease, and to entertain serious thoughts of severing the connection. Pausing in my labors, I invited Mr. Williams to a discussion of the subject—recalled to his recollection the promises made to me at the outset, of facilities for study, which had thus far at least proved delusive; that the main inducement I had in joining him was his promise to teach me, himself, the languages, to enable me to read the classics. That I had found he could read neither Latin nor Greek himself; that while he could make out a little easy French, he could not speak it intelligibly, or pronounce it at all; but that worst of all, he had made no motion toward my instruction; that all I had learned was to pronounce a little of the Mohawk, in which I acknowledged his complete competency. I added that to me, the time had been a complete loss.

Mr. Williams then opened to me more fully than he had yet done, his intentions and expectations with regard to a removal of the Indians to Green Bay. I could but admire the comprehension, grandeur, even, of his scheme. Not the Oneidas only, but the whole Six Nations were to be included. The country west