

Printing Press & Types for the Cherokee Nation.

It was mentioned in the *Missionary Herald* for July, that a fount of types had been ordered by the Cherokee government, and was in a course of preparation. These have now been completed; and, together with a fount of English types, and an iron press, of an improved construction, and the entire furniture for a printing office, were forwarded about the middle of last month. The press will be employed in printing the New Testament and other portions of the Bible, and school-books, in the Cherokee language, as will tend to diffuse knowledge through the nation. A Prospectus has also been issued for a newspaper, entitled the *Cherokee Phœnix*, to be printed partly in Cherokee and partly in English; the first number of which is expected to appear early in January. All this has been done by order of the Cherokee government, and at their expense. They have also hired a printer to superintend the printing office, to whom they give \$400 a year; and another printer to whom they give \$300. Mr. Elias Boudinot, who was educated, in part, at the Foreign Mission School, has been appointed editor, with a yearly salary of \$200.

Among the Cherokees, then, we are to see the first printing press ever owned and employed by any nation of the Aborigines of this continent; the first effort at writing and printing in characters of their own; the first newspaper, and the first book printed among themselves; the first editor; and, the first well organized system for securing a general diffusion of knowledge among the people. Among the Cherokees, also, we see established the first regularly elective government, with the legislative, judicial, and executive branches distinct; with the safeguards of a written Constitution and trial by jury. Here, also, we see first the Christian religion recognized and protected by the government; regular and exemplary Christian churches; and flourishing schools extensively established, and in many instances taught by native Cherokees.