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**CHEROKEE ALPHABET.**—The first number of the Phoenix contains an interesting article on the Cherokee alphabet, written, we are told, by Mr. Worcester, one of the missionaries of the American Board.

The alphabet is syllabic, and consists only 85 characters; so that a Cherokee child has vastly the advantage of an English child in learning to read. After a child has learnt our alphabet, it is a tedious business for him to make himself familiar with the combinations of letters into syllables and words. But when a Cherokee has learnt his alphabet he has *learnt to read*—and this is sometimes done in a single day, and not more than two or three days, says Mr. W., is ordinarily requisite.—From the fewness of its consonant sounds, and the fact that every syllable ends with a vowel sound, the Cherokee language is peculiarly well fitted for the use of a syllabic alphabet. A gentleman attempted to form one for the Choctaw language, but after swelling the number of his characters to more than 600, was still uncertain whether his task was accomplished. For the English language it would probably be yet more difficult.

We are informed that Mr. Worcester has removed from Brainerd to New Echota, for the purpose of making use of the press as a means of instruction to the Cherokees.