

the whole civilized world. The Indians—who are they? Whence came they? The noble inspirations of Cooper, kindled in our boyhood days, have often been turned to scorn and ridicule by contact with the poor victim of firewater, but still the question remains—"Who is the man?" To say that he is a savage does not solve the question, it rather complicates it, for at once there presents itself another question—"Is he a savage progressive or retrogressive?" Thereupon springs the "Whence came he?" and the whole history of the Indian, past and present, unrolls itself before us, a far-reaching extent of uncertainty, with here and there the faintest appearance of something definite. Little is known, much is to be known.

Again, the most northern outposts, earthworks and abodes of the mound-builders of the Mississippi Valley are to be found in Canadian territory. Surely these are not to be levelled by the plough, and all traces irretrievably lost. Such would be veritable sacrilege: and yet the sacrilege goes on. These earthworks must be definitely located, mounds completely opened, all discoveries preserved, data gathered, facts and legends collocated, and the basis of definite history established. But by whom?

Pushing away to the north-east we come to the remnants of a people isolated and peculiar, and worthy of a student's researches. The Eskimos were not always the blubber-eaters of the present day. Are they the descendants of cave-dwellers of Quebec, the relics of a former great nation, or an offshoot of the great parent Mongolian stem? The question demands an answer. Who will give it?

To Canadians the geology of Canada should be more important than that of Europe, the struggle of 1812 than that of 1066, the study of Canadians than that of Greeks and Romans. The lake-dwellers of Switzerland, the pyramid-builders of Egypt, and the temple-founders of Mexico, are worthy of study, but by Canadians the study of Canadian races—Indians, Eskimos, French, English—deserves more fitting recognition.

The contributions of Dawkins, Wilson, Powell, Hale and others have proven that work can be done, and that now is the