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less, I for one am ready to concede that our authoress has earned the right to please herself in her minor choices. Perhaps sometime she will add to these departed versifiers, whom she so evidently loves, some of our strong later poets, pitched to the standard of the criticism of to-day, whose selection is in reality the easier task of the two.

As Pobiedonostseff said of Russia, when someone remarked that it was "a great State," so I always think of this vast new Europe of ours: "Canada is no State—Canada is a World!" And those who strove to lay its foundations of intellectuality, however humble their efforts, are parts of a story worthy our attention.

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