

A NATIONAL STUDY.

NCESSITY, 'tis true, develops the reformer, work calls forth the workman, but first and foremost there must be a manifest consciousness of the necessity and a true appreciation of the work to be done. If the work be definitely observed and the necessity felt, we have no fear that the time will pass, the opportunity be lost, without the appearance of a man who will render his country a service and secure for himself a fame worthy of the subject to which we wish to refer. Money and power are enticing our young men into professional callings and political berths, and in this mad rush for the gains and sweets of office, there is danger that some of the more important work be lost sight of. There is much work of a national character that our Government leaders seem to despise and even our educational leaders seem to slight. To one, and only one, phase of this national work do we desire here to refer.

In a young country as progressive and democratic as our own, the tendency is to brush aside all that is venerable, and look at every question political, social, educational, from a matter-of-fact point of view and estimate every study from its productive value. We therefore hesitate somewhat even to refer to such a subject as "Canadian Anthropology," fearful lest the question, "Is there any money in it?" be the beginning and the end of this effort. Yet a thought here, a suggestion there, may drop into some fruitful spot and be sheltered and nurtured into growth and continued life. Too many of us, perhaps most of us, have either given the subject no thought, or have dismissed it as a subject foreign to our country and our new life. To such, however, the most interesting and suggestive address of Dr. Tylor, at the British Association lately, will be a convincing reply. This address will appear soon on our pages. We know certainly whence we have come and what is our relationship to the great European nationalities, but within our borders there are other races and relics demanding our closest study, in the interest of science and the progress of