

extinct. Mr. Horatio Hale mentions a remarkable case, when he contributed to the American Philosophical Society a monogram on the Tutelo tribe and language, derived mainly from the last full-blooded Tutelo, who had married a Cayuga woman, and lived among the people of her tribe, near Brantford, on the Grand River. Mr. Hale mentioned the fact that no vocabulary of the language was known, and that which he had now obtained showed beyond question that the language was totally distinct from the Huron-Iroquois, and was closely allied to the Dakota family. But for this timely exertion of a philosophical student, this link in the history of the Huron-Iroquois relations with affiliated tribes would have been lost. The conservative power of language is indisputable, and the evidence of the origin of the affiliation of races which it supplies, surpasses all other kinds of proof. We must be content at the present stage to accumulate the needful materials to master the history of the races of our own Dominion; and to determine, as far as possible, their affinities to each other, and to the typical stocks of this northern continent. When this has been accomplished, we shall still have to await the careful inductions of philological science before we can hope for any trustworthy solution of the problems, of which philology undoubtedly offers the most hopeful key.

INDIAN MOUNDS.

THROUGHOUT a large portion of the Dominion, several varieties of workings upon and beneath the surface of the earth are found, although fast passing away with the cultivation of the soil, which were made by the people existing at the time of European occupation, and preceding it. Several of these—some apparently for defensive purposes, some ruins of village sites, some burial mounds—give evidence of the numbers, distinction, habits and stage of culture, of their builders. But the mounds raised for burial purposes are the most important of all. The nearly universal custom of depositing with the dead, articles that belonged to the deceased, and objects of ceremonial relation, now enables us to gather therefrom a life history of the persons buried, and of those who paid to