

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th, 1894.

The President, S. Briggs, in the chair.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed.

An application for membership was received from Mr. J. M. Dickson, chemist.

Mrs. Carey and Mrs. Thomas Beasley were elected ordinary members of the Association.

The President then introduced Dr. P. E. Jones, Indian Agent, to read a paper on the "Early History of the Indians north of the St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes."

The doctor began his paper with a short description of the condition of the Indian inhabitants previous to the coming of the French settlers. Passing to the location of the various tribes at this early date, the speaker stated that two great nations of Indians originally occupied Canada, the Algonquins and the Hurons. The Algonquins occupied the land north of the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario. Before the French came they had been the most powerful of all the tribes, and were considered the masters of this part of Canada. They were described as having the mildest aspect and the most polished manners of all the Indian tribes. The remains of this once powerful nation are now the Ojibways, the Ottawas, the Western Algonquins and the Menomonies. The Hurons occupied a tract of land about 25 miles wide, along Lake Huron, and were remarkable for their industry. The Neuter nation, occupying the banks of the Niagara and the peninsula between Lake Erie and Ontario, were a small tribe. Very little is known of them, and they have long been extinct. Taking up the subsequent history of these once powerful nations, the speaker went on to show how, after the coming of the white settler, a deadly warfare had broken out between them and the more powerful Iroquois at the south of the St. Lawrence and Lake Ontario.

At the conclusion of the paper a vote of thanks was tendered to its author, and by a unanimous vote of the members the doctor was enrolled as a corresponding member of the Association. Chief Cheechalk, of the Ojibways, was also present, and gave a short address and a song in his native tongue. A large number

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