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## INDIAN LANGUAGES.

HE subject of collecting all the folk-lore and traditions of the Indians left amongst us, while yet there is time to do so, before they disappear or merge into the general community, is one that should ever be instilled into the minds of all those who are in any way brought into contact with them; and the language of the various tribes is also one of the most important links in the chain of history of the native tribes, that may in the future help to solve many questions which up to the present baffle the ethnologist. Sir Daniel Wilson, commenting on this, remarks that the language or dialect spoken by many native Indian tribes has undoubtedly perished with the races to which they pertain; but the numerous Huron-Iroquois dialects still existing, afford valuable materials for ethnical study. Of nearly all the nations of the North American continent, their languages are the only surviving memorials of the race. The Ethnographic Bureau of the United States is securing research in this line, with the promise of valuable results. In our own North-west and in British Columbia, languages are disappearing, and races becoming