

to me: "Whether the condition of the Australian has been improved by his intercourse with the White man?" The question admits of no doubt or hesitation in framing a reply; and I regret to say it must be answered in the negative. It is a strange fact, but one no less painful than true, that, wherever the white man plants his foot, the native of the soil gradually disappears. Unable to withstand temptation, he acquires the vices without partaking of the benefits of civilization. To this may be further added the fruits of his own natural spirit of treachery and revenge; which unhappily neither the civilization nor the Christianity of the white man has affected in any perceptible degree. Incapable of adapting himself to the changes which agriculture, and a numerous settled population, effect on a wild country, his former means of subsistence disappears, and that which has displaced it lies entirely beyond his reach. Disease and want accordingly work their will on the miserable savage, and his extinction is speedy and inevitable.

The Australian above all others is specially exposed to these evils, and the last of his race must soon be numbered with the things that were. Already every vestige of the native population of Tasmania has vanished from that beautiful island, although within so recent a period as my visit to it, the Tasmanian was still to be seen living on his native soil. The various tribes on the coasts of Australia are fast following in his wake, and most of those who form the subject of this paper, have, I believe, by this time passed away from that strange world of the Southern Ocean, which is now so rapidly filling with a new and hardy population of industrious settlers, derived—it may almost be said without figure of speech—from every nation under heaven; but controlled and guided in the progress of civilization by the hardy, practical Anglo-Saxon race.

DISCOVERY OF INDIAN REMAINS, COUNTY NORFOLK, CANADA WEST.

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During the progress of agricultural operations in the course of last autumn, Mr. James W. Wilson, a farmer resident on the third lot, thirteenth concession, in the township of Windham, County Norfolk, ploughed up a skeleton, along with Indian relics, some of the characteristics of which are peculiar, and calculated to confer a special in-