

The Association Record of the Montreal Young Men's Christian Association, just received, has an interest for me, since the late sainted Robert Baldwin and I were the joint founders of the Toronto Association, many long years ago. The Western Missionary of Winnipeg, an anonymous and useful publication, tells what the Church is doing in the North West. Messrs. Croil and Murray offered the Manitoba brethren all the space they wanted in the Record, but they are determined to paddle their own canoe. The quarterly of the Young People's Presbyterian Union of Toronto is out, a neat looking brochure of some forty pages. Its most ambitious articles are *Eastward Ho*, the story of a trip to the Lower Provinces, by a member of the Central Church, and *Notes of an Alpine Holiday* by one of Erskine. The Toronto young Presbyterians have cause to be proud of their association and its organ. The Canadian Indian says it is going to do better in future, and has really started, and started well, on the path of amendment. In that amendment nobody will rejoice more than its quondam critic. No true man rejoices in the mediocrity or faults of his brother's work.

My venerable friend the Abbé Cuoq of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, writes me that his Algonquin Grammar is nearly ready and will soon appear in print. His Iroquois Lexicon, which he too kindly credits me with inspiring, has been of great value to students of that ancient Indian tongue, and he has laid the world, and our Canada in particular, under obligation, by publishing his *Etudes philologiques sur quelques langues sauvages de l'Amérique*, his *Jugement Erroné de M. Ernest Renan sur les langues sauvages*, his *History of the Old Testament and Life of Jesus in Algonquin*, and his *Book of the Seven Nations*, and *Vade Mecum of Sacred Song in Iroquois*. Messrs. Foster Brown and Company publish these, as the successors of Messrs. Dawson. In philology and Indian History we owe a great deal to the devoted French missionaries, Marcoux, Arnaud, Maurault, Rasles, Menghini, Petitot, Baraga, and a great host of others whose names and works would fill an encyclopedia. Whatever may be said concerning these good men, they have not been idle, and among them a position of no small prominence must be given to the Abbé Cuoq. I also learn from our own Dr. Patterson of New Glasgow that he is preparing for the forthcoming meeting of the Royal Society of Canada a memoir on the Montagnais of the Gulf and Labrador; and I understand that Dr. Bryce of Winnipeg continues his researches into the mound-history of the great North West. If the literature of our Canadian Church from Newfoundland to British Columbia, were collected, it would form a highly respectable library; and, probably, there is not a single work, great or small, in the whole collection that has not been written in the face of heavy discouragement. That all our ministers are good men, working manfully in Christ's cause, anyone who knows them must admit, but somehow, in public utterance, the Church is not magnanimous; judge then what