

THE EDITOR'S TABLE.

"HOCHELAGA, or England in the New World," edited by Eliot Warburton, Esq., Author of "The Crescent of the Cross." 2 parts, pp. 372. American Edition,—Wiley & Putnam, New York.

The Books published in Canada are so few in number, and of so generally an uninteresting a nature, that the space in our Magazine, devoted to the Editor's Table, is often unoccupied. In despair of finding Canadian Books to notice, we turn to such European and American works as may be written on Canada, its Trade, or Government; and fortunately, for our purpose, no less than three productions, emanating from persons of no ordinary pretensions, all published in London, in the present year, are ready at hand. Of the books by Sir Francis B. Head, and Sir Richard Bonnycastle, it is not our present purpose to speak, wishing to devote our attention in the present number to the work mentioned at the head of this article, a very extraordinary production, and worthy of more time than we can well allot to it.

Judging from its perusal, "HOCHELAGA" is the book of a very young man; yet such we are told is not exactly the fact. It is edited by Mr. Eliot Warburton, who it appears has a brother in Canada, a captain in the Royal Artillery; and who, consequently, from his grade in that particular service, must be past the greenness of his youth. And yet, to read the book, one can hardly think so, it is so full of those most egregious blunders which few but the merest tyros in literature could commit. The author professes to have passed two years in Canada, chiefly at Quebec, and acknowledges to have made the jog-trot journey of every person travelling in Canada, viz.:—passing from Quebec to Montreal, by steamer; thence by the same conveyance to Kingston, Toronto, and Niagara Fall; thence by railroad and steamer to Albany and New York; finishing by a trip to Boston, to take the steam packet for England. During this short tour, made in a few days, together with a land journey from Boston to Canada, the author acquired that information about Canada and the United States, with which he fills 372 closely printed pages, and it must be admitted, makes a very readable volume, that has excited much more notice than it deserves. It has been noticed and praised in Blackwood's Magazine; and the *New York Albion*, that lickspit of the Press, is enthusiastic in its favor. That it is wholly undeserving of such criticism—that it is veritably a book of blunders, from beginning to end, it is our present intention to show; and though these humble pages may never reach the eyes of those persons in England and the United States, who have believed Capt. Warburton's statements, yet under the faint hope that a stray number of