

of Mr. Plimpton, a large and conspicuous sign upon the steps with the warning: beggars are positively not admitted.—
The BOOKMAN.

PLACE-NAMES OF CANADA.—Mr. George Johnson's monograph on the Place-Names of Canada is, as already indicated, full of interest, says Mr. John Reade, in the *Gazette*. The story of Canada is, indeed, preserved in her place-names—the three periods of aboriginal, French and British supremacy being well marked. But few persons, who are not in the secret, would imagine the number and variety of the names which the expansion of Canada during the last thirty years has necessitated. Among recent givers of names he mentions Dr. G. M. Dawson, Sir W. C. Van Horne, Dr. Robert Bell, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. J. B. Tyrrell, Mr. W. D. LeSueur and others. The lists begins with Cabot and comprises Jacques Cartier, (Verrazano perhaps) Champlain, Roberval, Denys, Vrandrye, Vancouver, and some of our English governors, and officials. Of the names themselves, there are some that preserve curious episodes, directly or indirectly connected with our history. Some belong to mythology; some to the wild-goose stage of exploration; some to diplomacy; some to the date or circumstances of discovery; some to loyalty. The number of aboriginal names is large. They were once considered unmusical. I came the other day on a partly satirical poem by Edward Everett on American Poets, in which the management of native names is indicated as one of the main difficulties of new-world versification.

When the warm bard his country's worth would tell,
Lo ! Massachusetts length his lines must swell.
Would he, the gallant tales of war rehearse,
'Tis graceful Bunker fills the polished verse.
Sings he, dear land, those lakes and streams of thine.
Some mild Memphremagog murmurs in his line,
Some Aneriscoggin dashes by its way,
Or smooth Connecticut softens in his lay.

Still, these verbal rudenesses (as he deemed them), would not, in the young poet's opinion, prevent the rise in due time of an American literature :

Then Homer's arms shall ring in Bunker's shock,
And Virgil's wanderer land on Plymouth rock;
Then Dante's knights before Quebec shall fall,
And Charles' triumph on trainband chieftains call.