

ENGLISH POETS OF CANADA.

IN treating of the English poets of Canada, you will perhaps be surprised to learn that the field is a very wide one, and I must at once draw the line between the writers who have published only casual verses, however excellent many of them may be, and those who have produced works of a more ambitious and enduring description. I shall touch upon the first without any strict regard to chronological order, and without further insistence than the limits of my paper will allow. *Place aux dames!*

The most distinguished names of our female poets are those of Annie L. Walker, Pamela S. Vining, Augusta Baldwin, and Mrs. P. L. Haney. The principal work of Harriet A. Wilkins, of Hamilton, is her "Acadia," which has reached a second edition. Jennie E. Haight, formerly a teacher in Montreal, rises considerably above the ordinary standard, while the verses of Mrs. Moodie have sustained the reputation which this gifted lady has achieved in the department of romance. Helen M. Johnson published a volume of poems in 1856, which has since become very rare. She was cut off prematurely in 1863, in her thirtieth year. Miss Murray's poems, especially on Scottish subjects, are full of interest, but she will be chiefly remembered as a successful writer of fiction. Mrs. Faulkner published, in 1850, a volume of poems under her maiden name, Roda Ann Page, and the title, "Wild Notes from the Backwoods," sufficiently indicates its character. A distinguished Irish-Canadian name is that of Rosanna Eleanor Mullins, better known as Mrs. Leprohon, whose numerous poems, sacred, narrative, descriptive, lyrical, elegiac, and society verses, were gathered into one volume in 1881. Mrs. Leprohon was endowed with many attributes of the poetic faculty, and several of her pieces will always find a place in any selections from Canadian poets.

In the roll of male writers, which I shall abbreviate as much as possible, I may mention James McCarroll, Frederick Wright, R. J. McGeorge, W. F. Hawley, F. H. Dewart, E. J. Chapman,