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'British Columbia Coast Names.' By Captain J. T. Walbran. (Ottawa: Government Printing Bureau. 1909. Pp. 546. *Map and Illustrations*.) This remarkable work is arranged in gazetteer form. It covers all names given from 1592 till 1906, and seeing that the derivation of the names on this sea-board have to be sought in sources so widely different as English, Spanish, and various native Indian speeches, the erudition necessary to its compilation is obvious. The book ought to set an example. It was only at the British Association Meeting at Winnipeg last year that the urgency of ethnographical investigation in its widest sense (which would embrace such research as this work contains) was insisted upon, before the data should become overlaid in the course of the development of the country.

'Canada: the Empire of the North.' By Agnes Laut. (Boston: Ginn. 1909. Pp. xxvi., 446. *Maps and Illustrations*. 7s. 6d.) A straightforward story of the Dominion, written with a full appreciation of the romance and excitement characteristic of its history. The authoress has made full use of her knowledge of the country.

'Mexico: the Wonderland of the South.' By W. E. Carson. (New York: Macmillan. 1909. Pp. xi., 439. *Map and Illustrations*. 10s. net.) Mexico not unnaturally attracts writers of this type of work, the catalogue of which must be long by this time. The present author, however, would seem to have studied the Mexican, his social conditions and system of government and administration more deeply than most.

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A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF PTOLEMY'S GEOGRAPHY.

'Ptolemy's Geography: A brief Account of all the Printed Editions down to 1730.'
By Henry N. Stevens. Second Edition. London: Henry Stevens, Son & Styles, 1908.

The many editions of Ptolemy's 'Geography,' brought out at close intervals for a number of years, from 1475 onwards, possess an importance beyond that which appeals to the book collector, by reason of the constant addition of modern material at the hands of successive editors and map-makers; so that a complete collection of the various editions presents a striking view of the development of modern geographical conceptions, on the academic side, during the century or more following the discovery of America. Probably the nearest approach to a complete collection is that begun by the late Mr. Henry Stevens of Vermont, and continued by his son (the author of the present booklet), which is now in the possession of Mr. E. E. Ayer of Chicago. Excluding a limited number of early works illustrative of, or supplementary to, the 'Geography,' it embraces over forty separate editions, only one or two of any importance being wanting.* On a series of book-plates, specially designed for the collection, brief statements of the main points in regard to each edition were inserted in the respective volumes, and these statements are reprinted in the book now before us. Mr. Stevens, whose knowledge of the bibliographical history of the 'Geography' is not easily to be matched, gives also a useful outline of the main facts connected therewith, and enters into somewhat fuller detail regarding some special points which have lately come to his personal knowledge. They relate to some striking variations in the famous Ulm edition of 1482, the two issues of which are so curiously mixed up in existing copies, that out of twelve of these examined by Mr. Stevens no two have been

* Of these the Society possesses about twenty, including one specimen at least of almost every important type except that of Bologna, 1482 (?).