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EDITORIAL JOTTINGS.

WE may be permitted a "little more" editorial egoism in giving again some jottings of travel. A reference to our News of Churches will discover our whereabouts-Paris and Woodstock. It was a pleasing duty to accept the hearty invitation from the pastor of the Paris Church, Mr. Hughes, to be present at the anniversary services. As one looks into the faces of a congregation, impressions are irresistibly formed. On entering! the desk-pulpit of this neat and commodious edifice, which remains a monument of Mr. W. H. Allworth's long and faithful pastorate, we were reminded of the "middle class" aspect of most of our English Independent churches; absence of aristocratic coldness, and of lack-a daisy ignorance; but rather a restful reverence as of busy people, enjoying highly the calm which the Sabbath brings. The Sabbath school, under the superintendence of Mr. Whitlaw, was orderly, earnest, and thorough; the pastor has an encouraging Bible class from among those who too generally seem ready to part from the school, as having outgrown its classes. The sight of these young friends was therefore cheering. There was also at the sale of useful articles, which was held on Monday afternoon, and at the following tea-meeting or social, a business-like and family air, which bespoke careful Marthas with loving hearts and cheering faces; the young friends also were full of joyous energy, serving with ready hands. Paris is a thriving town of over three thousand inhabitants, on the Grand River where Smith's Creek joins. Some of the principal industries of the place are in the hands of several of our people, and on Tuesday we visited the same.

WE visited a carpet factory, which Mr. H. Stroud manages, capable of turning out some try, beautifully situated on hills and valleys, twenty rolls per week. There are seven power with railroad facilities, and comfortable resi-

hand looms. We were specially interested in the manufacture of some handsome rugs, which appear to be novelties in our Canadian manufactures. The colours are bright, the patterns reversible, and with a pile suggestive of oriental luxury. There was an air of happy industry on the faces of the employes here, and we found our friend Mr. Stroud with coat off also, saying come, rather than go.

THE flour mills of Whitlaw, Baird & Co. repaid our visit. Each of the partners in this firm occupies a position of trust in one or other of our churches. The mills have lately been constructed on the Hungarian model, where steel rollers reduce the grain gradually to flour, retaining the gluten of the outer part of the kernel, which under the old grinding process was largely lost in the bran. We were shown some gluten flour, specially adapted for invalids, and without making any comparisons could say that our experience of Paris bread and pastry while sojourning there was everything that could be desired, The capacity of this mill is 250 barrels per day.

Mr. W. W. CLAY is manager of the Paris Manufacturing Company and Mr. Jas. H. Hackland a partner in the firm of Adams, Hackland & Co. These are two establishments for knitting underclothing, the one employing about one hundred and eighty, the other about two hundred and fifty hands. We should like to describe the wonderful process by which the wool is cleaned, carded, spun, and made up into necessary articles of clothing under the persistent whirl of machinery, a machine in the former factory making, we learn, forty thousand stitches per minute, and still improvements crowd.

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