

OUR CANADIAN LITERARY PAPER.

The commencement of the third year of the publication of *The Week* calls for [more than a passing notice.

Founded by a man whose restless literary ardour had to find some channel wherein to make known his ideas, and owing to him the popularity that from the first it attained, it is in this third year of its existence much more cosmopolitan in its contents, and views the world with a broader and more catholic spirit than at its inception.

Always well written, there was yet, particularly the last year or so, a pottish nagging at anything that for the time being was not in exact accordance with its views.

The phobias, may we use the word, (?) particularly the Anti-Scott Act phobia, no matter what the views of the reader may have been, materially marred the pleasure of reading the scholarly writing so characteristic of the journal's contributors.

With the change in the guiding-hand this objectionable feature has disappeared, and from cover to cover one can with pleasure read the contents.

Another feature is commendable; the founder of the paper, Goldwin Smith—or Bystander, as his cognomen was—has been giving us, over his own signature, some capital articles on English politics and kindred topics. Keeping in view his well-known Liberal political views, there is to us, comparatively ill-informed Canadians, a flood of light thrown on the actions of the leaders of the different parties in the Old Country that we cannot find elsewhere in so small a compass and so reliable as in his writings.

An evidence of the fairness of his conclusions is shown in the fact that, while he distrusts Salisbury and despises Churchill, he thus speaks of Gladstone: "Yet of all ministers who have ruled England, not one has brought more disaster and humiliation on the Country;" and in the same article he truly says "The strong point of this great and admirable man seems to be not so much forecast as oratorical presentation." This latter sentence is character-drawing epitomized. At the same time it must be noted that occasionally there is in his writings too much personal dislike expressed without full justification—as for instance, in the case of the late Beaconsfield.

We cheerfully wish *The Week* every success, and we heartily congratulate ourselves on possessing a journal so fearless, so independent, and written in so masterly a manner.

AN IMPROVEMENT in the make-up of *The Week* is noticeable. It now, like ourselves, has adopted a cover that protects the paper proper from soiling.

It is a good time for the book-seller to bring under notice of any of his customers possessed of literary taste this home-made journal. Like the bread from our own ovens, it is more palatable than the foreign.

HOME PRODUCTIONS.

Paper made in the various countries, being of the same apparent grade, though to the novice it appears exactly alike, yet to those with a knowledge of the article presents greatly different appearance.

The English or the German being made of different materials is easily recognizable, while the Canadian and that made in the United States, both being made of rags, have certain likenesses.

The manufacture of a good class of writing and book paper in Canada is of a comparatively recent date, and from the newness of this branch of industry there has not been sufficient time for a full knowledge of the quality of the goods.

Consequently there is an unwarranted prejudice of many stationers against the Canadian product, imagining that only paper made abroad is of the best quality.

We this month, with a view of pointing out what paper is produced in a Canadian mill, insert two samples of writing cut from folio post, manufactured by the Toronto Paper Company at their mills in Cornwall. The aim of the company has been to produce a better paper than has heretofore been made in this country, and certainly, at least some of the grades, will compare favourably with the imported article of the same classification.

We leave it to the intelligence of the members of the trade to decide for themselves in purchasing, hoping, that all things being equal, the choice will be that of home production.

The paper on which BOOKS AND NOTIONS is printed is manufactured by the same company, being a 70 lb good crown, 16 mo. It is No. 1, but not as highly calendered as some. It was the most suitable for our purpose and taste when we established this paper, and we have had no reason to change our mind.

PERIODICAL LIST.—It has been thought advisable not for the present to publish the list, to prepare which a committee was appointed at the August meeting of the Association.

The rate of postage has so much to do with regulating prices, that it has been thought better to hold it back, at least until that matter is settled.

WARWICK MAY.—At Holy Trinity Church, Toronto, on the evening of the 7th January, by the Rev. John Pearson, assisted by Rev. Dr. Davies, George Robinson Warwick (Warwick & Sons), to Eva Florence May, daughter of Dr. S. P. May, Poplar Villa, both of this city.