

"As Others See Us"

(Independent Criticisms of the B.C.M.)

Because of the regular pressure on our space—and our earnest desire to give our readers the best and most that our present size will carry and so leave our work to speak for itself—and also, be it mentioned in candour, because even a publication or an editor may practice that excellent precept which Shakespeare puts into the mouth of Cæsar—"What touches us ourself shall be last served"—the following pointed and valued criticisms and commendations have, in common with a number of others, been "held over."

In view of a reference elsewhere to Principal Smith, it seems right to mention that the independent expression of opinion by him re the B.C.M. was received (as the note itself indicates) some months ago, or shortly after publication of the first enlarged number.

A BRITISH JOURNALIST'S COMMENT.

From "Daily Mail," Hull, England.

A BREATH OF CANADA.

Every book or periodical that sets out to give the public clean and wholesome, as well as interesting and educative, reading is welcomed by everyone who appreciates journalism in its dignified sense. And thus we welcome, in its new and enlarged form, "The British Columbia Monthly," a beautifully produced magazine, which hails from Vancouver. The tone and character of the articles and literary features fully support the declaration that the "Magazine of the Canadian West" will "promote social betterment, educational progress and religious life." An admirable article on the Canadian Brotherhood movement gives a personal insight into the remarkable enthusiasm shown in the brotherhood meetings, while a delightful descriptive article on "Clorious Garibaldi: the Canadian Playground in British Columbia," is redolent of majestic scenery and mountain peak. We wish "The British Columbia Monthly" a bright and successful future.

PRINCIPAL SMITH'S CRITICISM.

I am much pleased with the new British Columbia Monthly which appears in the attractive dress of youth having outgrown the baby clothes.

You have done several things well, enlarged the size, improved the appearance, broadened the policy and yet kept the ideal high and progressive. I wish you every success in your ever-widening sphere of usefulness.

The books stalls are groaning under the weight of many magazines, some of which are as poison to young minds.

Every community needs its independent press, absolutely fearless in its proclamation of the things believed to be true, well informed in criticism and sane in leadership. The B.C. Monthly has stepped into the breach and is now in a position to make a valuable contribution to the higher life of the Province and Dominion. Such a venture will cultivate a spirit of appreciation for good literature and at the same time do something to mould institutions which slowly but surely become the embodiment of national ideals.

A B.C. INTERIOR JOURNAL'S OPINION.

The Ashcroft Journal is in receipt of a copy of the "British Columbia Monthly," a journal devoted to things of interest to the people of this province. The subscription is \$1.75 a year. The contributors are mostly British Columbian writers. This is a magazine that should be patronized by British Columbia readers before all others not only because it is interesting, but because it is British Columbian.

Thank you, friends, known and unknown. We certainly value your independent appreciation and recommendation.
Editor B.C.M.



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