

has been unsectarian. Its editorial corps and list of contributors are, as a whole, without rivals, while its orthodoxy goes unquestioned, save by Calvinists, who are very high and dry.

*The Advance*, published at Chicago, is pretty generally known to our readers. Through the ability shown in its pages, and the energy of its publishers, it has made rather an extensive invasion into the Congregational homes in Canada. It is thoroughly Congregational and Christian, and like the wheat which comes in such abundance from the west, furnishes good healthy invigorating food.

*The Christian Union*, published in Brooklyn, the city of churches, while representing no single church, is a paper for all the churches of Christ. It is one of the best family papers we know. A high ideal was indicated when the name of Henry Ward Beecher was placed at the head of its editorial columns, but one well carried out. A serial from the rollicking pen of Edward Eggleston, is certainly not one of its least attractive features.

*The Sunday-School Times*, of Philadelphia, is a weekly religious paper, which every Sunday-school superintendent and teacher should read. No teacher can make a better investment of \$2.00 for his or her class, than by reading this paper.

*The Daily Witness*, of Montreal and New York, present themselves to the world as the only daily religious papers published. In regard to evangelical Christianity, religious equality, temperance, and all the moral and religious questions of the day, they are true to the position they assume. To all ministers of

the Gospel they are sent for one half of their published price.

*The Christian Guardian*. When we say that so far as we know, this is the best denominational weekly published in Canada, we have not said all. True to itself as the organ of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, it is not untrue to others.

Our space compels us to cut short our comments, therefore we cannot for the present notice the many other publications that are welcome visitors to our *sanctum*. To the editors of all we wish a Happy New Year, and for their publications increased prosperity and usefulness.

THE METHODISTS of the Wesleyan and the New Connection Conferences, at their last annual meetings, adopted principles which were to form a basis of union between the two denominations, chief among which was the Congregational-principle of lay representation. This basis was referred to the several circuits of both churches, and as the returns have come in from each, an overwhelming majority for union is indicated. This will result in a Canadian Methodist Church, entirely separated from the English Conferences. The Wesleyan Conference of England readily consented to the change, and bade her Canadian child go with her blessing; but the Conference of the New Connection Church refused to consent to the banns, which has resulted in rather a sharp controversy here, led by the representative of the English Conference. They, however, will not be the first who have married without a mother's consent. We rejoice that this