

THE
CANADIAN INDEPENDENT.

VOL. XII.

TORONTO, FEBRUARY, 1866.

No. 8.

CONGREGATIONAL PERIODICALS, BRITISH AND AMERICAN.

The following article was prepared for our December number, but omitted for want of space. Though appearing somewhat after the beginning of the New Year, it may be of some service in sharpening that appetite so vividly described by a correspondent in our present issue. We recommend our wealthier lay members to subscribe for some of these publications, and give their pastor a reading of them. A few neighboring ministers could unite in procuring some, as the Review Clubs already do, and we confidently expect some response from Mr. Brown's appeal to friends in England.

We avail ourselves of the near approach of the new year, to bring under the notice of our readers the chief periodicals published or patronized by Congregationalists in Britain and America.

First of the British publications, we would name, *The British Quarterly Review*. It was founded by Dr. Vaughan, in 1844, to serve as the quarterly review of the educated Nonconformists, and as a means of presenting in a fitting guise, the distinctive truths held by them, in their application to public questions at home and abroad, to literary men of all churches. It was counted an audacious enterprise for the Dissenters to set up a competitor with the famous reviews conducted by men who could command the ripest learning of the old universities. But the man who took this task in hand knew his own powers and the resources at his disposal. He aimed at the highest mark, and hit it. On most questions of politics, history and general literature, and especially on those of science, the articles in the *British* have been fully worthy to rank with those in the *Edinburgh*, the *Quarterly*, and the *Westminster*. Those on Biblical subjects, on Christian Doctrines, and on Church History, have often been superior as well as more numerous. Nowhere have there appeared abler defences of Christianity against modern assailants, while the essays on ecclesiastical questions have of course exhibited those views of religious liberty and equality, and of the relations of the State