

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 1891.

THE Editor of this MAGAZINE prizes very highly the honour done him by his election for the sixth time to the duties of his office. He has laboured faithfully, and is profoundly grateful for the renewed expression of appreciation of his services. It will be his pleasure, as it is his privilege and duty, to devote his best energies of body and mind to the department of work to which he has, by the providence of God and the act of the Methodist Church, been assigned. While thanking the patrons of this MAGAZINE, and especially his ministerial brethren through whose kind co-operation it has been attended with such success, he begs to solicit their continued sympathy and help that the contemplated improvement in its make-up and contents may win a still larger circulation throughout the country.

This MAGAZINE has now reached a larger circulation than ever before. To meet the increased pressure upon its space by the splendid announcement following, it will be enlarged by one hundred pages. This will give room for a greater variety, wider scope, and greater extent of reading matter.

We are not yet able to make a complete announcement of the many attractions which the MAGAZINE will offer during the coming year. We can confidently affirm, however, that in beauty and variety of illustration, and in interest and importance of its articles, it will surpass any previous year. This MAGAZINE is especially devoted, as its motto sets forth, to "Religion, Literature, and Social Progress." These ideas shall be kept prominently in view in its management. Its chief object shall be to promote whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report. Its articles of travel, science and literature shall be written from a Christian standpoint.

METHODIST TOPICS.

While broadly catholic in its sym-

pathies and in its treatment of subjects outside the pale of Methodism, this MAGAZINE shall be first of all frankly and avowedly Methodist. It will therefore give special prominence to subjects affecting Methodism and to papers by Methodist writers. Among the many articles under this head will be some reprints from the Methodist press, as well as numerous original contributions. Among the reprints will be an able paper by the Rev. William Arthur on "Methodism as a Power for Purifying and Elevating Society;" one on the "Advantages of the Itinerancy," by the Rev. J. Antliff, D.D.; one on "Lay Preachers in Methodism," by the Hon. J. W. F. White; one on "Woman's Work in Methodism," by the Rev. F. W. Bourne; one on "Methodism and Temperance," by Bishop Payne; "The Perils of Methodism," by Rev. W. L. Watkinson; "More about Deaconesses;" "Changes in Methodist Preaching," by D. W. Wheeler, LL.D.; "Development and Results of the Missionary Ideal in the last hundred years," by the Rev. Alexander Sutherland, D.D.; "The Martyrs of Methodism," etc.

Other articles of special religious interest will be "How to Get at Our People," by Rev. C. H. Spurgeon; "Peculiar Temptations of Ministers," by G. H. Hepworth, D.D.; "Agnosticism," by the Rev. Dr. McCosh; "Religious Doubt and Modern Poetry," by the Rev. J. W. S. Dawson, from the *Westeyan Methodist Magazine*; "Social Christianity," etc.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

To meet an expressed wish of numerous readers a department of popular science will be introduced, in which some of the more recent discoveries in the realm of science will be reported and illustrated. Among these will be a very striking paper on "Meteorites and the Stellar Systems," by G. H. Darwin, a son of the distinguished naturalist; reprint articles, by Professor Langley, Professor Williams, Sir W.