

usage and etiquette with reference to these pernicious beverages?

Teacher, can you urge upon your scholars the evil of intemperance, and encourage them in the principles of total abstinence? or would your own example nullify the influence of your teachings on this subject? See that ye be not yourselves contaminated with the unclean thing, but that with respect to this and all other moral duties, ye be enabled to say to those committed to your charge, "Be ye followers of us, even as we also are of Christ."

Our Progress.

We are glad to inform our readers that the increase in circulation of the BANNER, since its enlargement, is very marked and gratifying. We hope all its patrons will endeavour still further to increase that circulation, and thus greatly extend its usefulness. We hope to make each number an improvement on its predecessor. No pains will be spared to make it in every way worthy of the support of every Sunday-school teacher in the land. In its enlarged form it will contain a large amount of valuable reading matter, which will not be of transient but of permanent value. The Lesson Notes for the year will form an admirable commentary on some of the most important portions of Holy Scripture. While many places in the Connexion show a commendable zeal in using the BANNER, greatly, we are persuaded, to the advantage and increased efficiency of the Sunday-schools in those localities, others, equally able, exhibit a remarkable apathy on the subject.

The following list of the towns and cities taking the largest number of BANNERS is instructive and suggestive, both by its omissions and by the names it contains: Belleville takes 25 copies; Peterboro, 25; St. Johns, N.B., 25; Strathroy,

26; Cobourg, 28; Port Hope, 35; Charlottetown, P. E. I., 52; Kingston, 60; London, 70; Hamilton, 140; Montreal about 200; and Toronto about 300. The School taking the largest number is Great St. James Street, Montreal. To it, therefore, the prize offered to such school by the present writer is awarded, viz, a copy of his "Catacombs of Rome, and their Testimony Relative to Primitive Christianity."

The Sunday-school Advocate.

THE Editor of the Sunday-school periodicals is endeavouring to make them, as far as lies in his power, worthy of the Church for whose benefit they are published. He has therefore introduced a condensed Berean Bulletin into each number of the *Advocate*, and intends to introduce also short comments on the lesson, adapted to the use of the scholars. He will give also in each number a short Biblical study, entitled "Mental Pictures from the Bible." It will be a description of some scene or event of Bible story, painted as vividly as is in his power, yet without the mention of the time, place, or names of the actors, which our young friends must find out for themselves.

It is hoped that this will stimulate them to the study of the Book of books, and prove both interesting and instructive. We want to circulate at least 50,000 copies of the *Advocate* throughout the country, from Newfoundland and the Bermudas to Vancouver's Island; and if our Sunday-schools will only loyally support their Connexional paper, they will enable the publisher to make it thoroughly deserving of their patronage. It will, as soon as arrangements can be made, be printed from new plates on improved paper. A new volume begins with April. This, therefore, is the best time to subscribe.