

## OUR PUBLICATIONS.

Christian Guardian, weekly.....	\$1 00
Methodist Magazine and Review, monthly ..	2 00
Magazine and Review, and Guardian or Wesleyan .....	2 75
Magazine and Review, Guardian and Onward .....	3 25
The Wesleyan, Halifax, weekly.....	1 00
Sunday-school Banner, monthly.....	0 60
Onward, 8 pp. 4to, weekly, under 5 copies	0 50
5 copies and upwards .....	0 30
Pleasant Hours, 4 pp. 4to, weekly, single copies	0 25
Less than 20 copies.....	0 24
Over 20 copies.....	0 15
Sunbeam, fortnightly, less than 10 copies.....	0 12
10 copies and upwards.....	0 15
Happy Days, fortnightly, less than 10 copies	0 12
10 copies and upwards.....	0 12
Berean Leaves, 100 copies per month.....	5 50
Berean Quarterly, 100 copies per quarter....	6 00
Quarterly Review Service. By the year, 24 cents a dozen; \$2 per 100. Per quarter, 6 cents a dozen; per 100.....	0 50
Address—	WILLIAM BRIGGS,
	Publisher, Toronto.
C. W. COATES,	S. F. LUKSTIS,
2176 St. Catherine St.,	Meth. Book Room,
Montreal, Que.	Halifax, N.S.

## Sunday School Banner.

W. H. WITHROW, D.D., EDITOR.

TORONTO, JUNE, 1896.

## An Important Convention.

It is known to most of our readers that, for over a score of years, there has been a triennial convention of Sunday-school workers of both Canada and the United States. It is by these conventions that the Executive and Lesson Committees are appointed, and plans of inter-denominational Sunday-school work are devised. Nothing, we believe, has ever so drawn evangelical churches together as the fact that in the Old World and the New many millions of teachers and scholars are, Sunday after Sunday, for year after year, studying the same portions of the Word of God. This unity of action has enabled the great publishing houses of the different denominations to enlist the services of many of the ablest Biblical scholars and expounders in the world. Whole commentaries have been condensed into fly-leaves, which have been scattered, like the leaves of the forest, by the million throughout the remotest parts of Christendom, and these, like the leaves of the tree of life, shall be for the healing of the nation.

The eighth International Convention is appointed to meet in Boston, June 23rd to

26th. It will be of very special interest. The *International Evangel* writes of it thus:

"The coming International Sunday-school Convention is of graver importance to this country, and this entire continent, than either one or all of the great political conventions of this year. Its issues are more truly of vital import, and more seriously affect the welfare of the people of these western nations. It requires but a second sober thought to accept this as in no degree an exaggerated statement. Our convention deals with eternal interests, besides the temporal peace, happiness and prosperity of mankind.

"There are at least four very special reasons why the convention at Boston next June will be of exceptional importance.

"First: This convention should be, more extensively than ever before, an educational factor in the great Sunday-school movement. Its own proceedings and the revival of interest that will follow will, together, produce a new lot of literature, and this should be superior to any yet published.

"Second: There will be presented for adoption plans for a more extensive work in the field than has ever yet been undertaken. This will mean to put more trained workers in the International field, to further systematize the entire work, and to perfect state, provincial and territorial organization. It will mean to bring the large cities of the continent into closer touch and fuller co-operation with the International Sunday-school work.

"Third: That the great work is in need of a thoroughly systematic plan for securing an adequate financial support regularly, from the states and provinces, goes without saying. We believe the special Financial Committee will present an acceptable plan.

"Fourth: Perhaps the action of greatest moment will be the election of a new Lesson Committee. The advancing age and almost a quarter of a century of gratuitous service will likely be given by some of the members as reasons entitling them to a release from further duty. The justice of this position none could deny. These distinguished Christian men deserve the lasting gratitude of the Sunday-school hosts throughout the world. It is the universal wish of this same world-wide host that the majority of the present Lesson Committee may be able to accept re-election.

"It should be better known than it is, that there are all sorts of theological, ecclesiastical and educational schemes that will make strenuous efforts to be represented on the International Lesson Committee. The Sunday-school workers of America want no trifling with this Committee. They do not want any of its members to be from the new school of theology or destructive criticism, nor persons interested in some publishing house or some individual scheme of Lessons. All our state and provincial associations should take great pains to see that they send as delegates to Boston only

persons k  
Uniform  
operative,  
work."

C

Dr. HA  
the vetera  
thus of L  
national L

"Occasi

severe. C  
started w  
it. It was

Internatio  
and that t  
divided. A

mittee oppo  
sion of op  
speaker th  
method pu

there was  
against the  
referred to

while other  
it had acc  
hardly wait

order to giv  
dorsement.

The current  
in strength.

the mind of  
formity is st

of lessons c  
International

International  
siderably be

the Sunday-  
nominations

which to th  
resent any e  
ment, if you

is as restles  
the indicati  
fulfilment of

disciples may  
Father are o  
something els

one can bene  
much as he w

Let Us Sta

No human  
absolutely per  
System is doub  
but some of th  
we are persuad  
that every desu  
of the less  
grades and clas