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Our "Banner."

OUR many friends, we are sure, will be pleased with the new design for our cover. It is more in keeping with the name of this periodical than what we have had heretofore. It has, too, a Biblical significance. It brings to mind the cheering words of the Psalmist: "Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth," and that other brave resolve: "In the name of our God we will set up our banners." These are good mottoes for the New Year. Hitherto hath the Lord helped us. In the name of the Lord will we go forward.

"Here we'll raise our Ebenezer,
Hither by his grace we've come;
And we hope, by his good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home."

Our Papers.

DURING the past year the SUNDAY-SCHOOL BANNER has been further enlarged and improved, without any increase in the subscription price. The improvements commenced in 1895 will be continued during 1896, and anything further that will be likely to add to its value as a teachers' help will be adopted.

Our Sunday-school papers for next year will have several features of much interest. In *Onward* will be a series of attractive stories, illustrating social topics and inculcating temperance and religion. Among others, will be valuable sketches by that mistress of the art of graceful writing, Miss Frances Willard, on "How to Win." We will present also a number of illustrated articles on great English writers, with portraits and engravings illustrative of their chief work. Among the authors so treated will be Shakespeare, Tennyson, Tom Hood and Charles Lamb, the genial humorists; Thomas Campbell, Bryant, Longfellow, Whittier, Hawthorne, Prescott and others. Special prominence shall be given also to Canadian writers. These articles will make *Epworth Leaguers* and our young people more familiar than they have ever been with the great writers of English literature, and will be in their way an education itself.

Sabbath School Association.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Sabbath School Association of Ontario, in the city of Toronto, was a very marked success. About eight hundred delegates from city and country were present. Admirable addresses were made at the opening meeting by Mayor Kennedy, H. P. Moore, Rev. Chancellor Burwash and the Hon. S. H. Blake. Rev. Chancellor Burwash, of Victoria University, gave an exceedingly interesting address on "The Bible in the Life of the Christian Citizen." The speaker prefaced his remarks by saying that nothing promised so much for the future of the country as that of Sabbath-school work. It was quite as possible to measure accurately the present power, the future influence and growth of the Church by the position of the Sabbath-school and the condition of its work as by the number of members on the church roll. One of the greatest questions of the day was, "How shall our people be prepared for the exercises of the responsibility of citizenship?" In the opinion of some persons the best preparation consisted in general education; others held that it lay in the power of an unfettered press, and some in political education. For himself he knew of no