

12 cents per year, or 24 cents for a weekly paper. Each issue consists of FOUR PAGES, beautifully printed and illustrated. *Deo-Drop*, published by the Chicago firm, is very much smaller than our papers, and is 22 cents per year. It is published weekly. The same firm also publish four monthly papers of about the same size as our HAPPY DAYS and SUNBEAM. By taking the four papers, a school would have a paper every week except four times a year when five Sundays would come in one month. The price of these papers in clubs is 6½ cents per year each, which would be 26 cents for the 48 numbers, against 24 cents for the 52 numbers of our papers.

The above is a fair comparison of the only publications that in any way approach ours in price. We think that when these facts are clearly pointed out to the officers of our schools they will at least give our papers a trial, and once we have them introduced we have no fear of the result. Moreover, our papers are distinctly Canadian and Methodist. They are saturated through and through with loyalty to Queen and country, and to the doctrines and institutions of our Church. While these Chicago papers are foreign and *un-Methodist*, if not *anti-Methodist*. The profits of our Church Sunday-school papers, after cheapening their production as much as possible, are devoted to the Superannuated Preacher's Fund, to which the Toronto Book Room contributed last year \$6,000. The profits of the inferior foreign papers go into the pocket of a private speculator, who is strenuously striving to get his wares introduced into our schools—even to the extent of offering premiums to teachers who will aid in getting them introduced. Now our papers are published so cheap that we can offer no private premiums or commissions for their introduction. The object in publishing them is

NOT TO MAKE MONEY, BUT TO DO GOOD,

to furnish the best possible paper for our schools at the lowest possible price. As their circulation increases—as it is increasing very rapidly—the constant endeavour will be to improve their quality, and, if possible, to still further reduce their price. An enlightened self-interest as well as connexional loyalty, alike urge the patronage of our own Church papers.

While the Chicago graded *Quarterlies* may be cheaper than the BANNER if each grade be taken

separately, yet the BANNER, containing all the grades together, is much cheaper than the Chicago several grades taken together. And some marked improvements in the BANNER are contemplated for the ensuing year.

Our greatest joy is that these Sunday-school papers—which go into many thousands of humble homes all over this great country, from the fishing villages of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia to the far off shores of the Pacific Ocean, often where no other religious reading, or indeed, reading of any sort is found—carry with them the message of salvation to many, many souls. An editor seldom comes in personal contact with his readers or hears directly from them, but in a recent visit to the Maritime Provinces we had the great pleasure of hearing frequent testimony as to the good they were doing. We even found them at the extreme eastern extremity of the mainland of Nova Scotia, in the seats of the railway cars. We also receive very many letters, that often touch our eyes to tears, of thankful appreciation of our earnest efforts for the welfare of the young people of our Church. The great world may think this is not very high literary art, but we believe it is the most useful work of our life, and that the full and final result thereof shall only appear at the great day of account. Our most earnest endeavour shall be that our Sunday school papers may continue to merit the kind commendation given them by Brother Little, that twenty out of every twenty-five articles, or four-fifths of the whole, shall be found religiously helpful, and such as "will delight the Christian reader, as in the Spirit of Christ; now a word to the sinner, now to the penitent, now to the backslider, now to the happy and now to the toiler, and all in the spirit of Christ. Such a paper is a witness for Christ, living and consistent."

Our Sunday-school papers have, we believe, a much larger circulation than any others of any description in the country. Of PLEASANT HOURS we are printing 55,000 copies, and of HOME AND SCHOOL 48,000, or 103,000 of the two. Let us continue to roll up the circulation till each paper has a circulation of 100,000 copies.

The Ryerson Statue.

The large model of the statue of the late Dr. Ryerson is complete, and has been inspected and accepted by the Ryerson Memorial Committee. It will require from \$750 to \$1,000 more than has yet been subscribed to enable the committee to have the statue completed and erected in its appropriate place. The treasurer of the committee, W. S. Lee, Esq., 70 Church street, will receive subscriptions.