

themselves. The thought that the impressionable period of childhood is fast passing away, and that the children who are now within the reach of their influence shall soon be beyond their control, and without the docility which now distinguishes them, should impel every Sunday-School teacher to be instant in season and out of season, in the great work of training the young beforehand for the great battle of life. A due sense of responsibility will prompt each Sunday-School worker to use all diligence, by the study of divine truth, to acquire the needed knowledge and wisdom; and to be frequent and fervent in their prayers to the Giver of all good, that He would bestow a richer baptism of the Spirit of Christ to qualify for the Master's service.



The New Lesson Scheme.

WE are persuaded that the readers of the BANNER will find the Notes on the Lessons to be given in its pages of vast advantage in assisting them in the profitable study of God's word. It will be seen that, while all the old features are maintained, in deference to the expressed wish of several experienced teachers, the lessons for the primary classes are much more fully treated. We are glad to know that the BANNER is received with very great favour, and is accomplishing a good work in the Sunday-schools of our land. No school should be without it. We hope our friends will endeavour to promote its circulation as far as is in their power. We shall be glad to receive short communications on Sunday-school topics, and condensed reports of Sunday-school progress, and hope from time to time to introduce features of great interest and importance to all Sunday-school workers.

Sunday School Work.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE RICHMOND ST. METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

THIS interesting service was held in the church on Wednesday evening, December 2nd. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Jeffrey, occupied the chair. The scholars were arranged on a large platform, which was erected over the pulpit for the occasion. The programme consisted of solos, duets, quartettes, and readings and recitations by the scholars, who did their parts well, reflecting credit on the esteemed superintendent, Mr. W. H. Pearson, by whose untiring efforts the meeting was rendered so completely successful. Very appropriate and instructive addresses were also delivered by the Revs. S. A. Dyke and J. Shaw.

From the Secretary's report we gleaned, that notwithstanding the fact that the school is so peculiarly situated, being in the heart of the city, and surrounded by new and attractive schools, thus, in a measure, cutting off its supply,—it is still in a prosperous state and its interest unabated. The teachers on the roll number 39, and the scholars 387, being an increase of 36 over the number in last year's report. The number of Scripture verses recited during the year was 29,274, being an increase of 796 over the number said the previous year. The Teachers' Bible Class is well attended, and the Sunday Afternoon Prayer Meetings are sources of much spiritual refreshing. There are at present about 80 scholars who are members of the Church, quite a number of whom were converted to God during the past year.

The number of deaths was above the average, six scholars having been called away during the year. While there is much care and anxiety experienced by true hearted Sunday-school teachers in the faithful discharge of duty, since the teacher's relation to the scholar may form the sole link which couples their earthly career to an eternity in heaven,—it must afford them much comfort to know that their scholars "*die well*," as each of the above-mentioned seemed to be carried away, folded in the arms of Jesus, to the realms of eternal bliss; thus giving an assurance of the blessed influence exerted by Sunday-school teaching.