

To Schools Opening in the Spring.

THE new arrangement of our Sunday-school papers—giving a paper of three different grades every Sunday—has been found better adapted for our schools than any previously existing. Nearly all the schools heard from heartily approve of the change, and some which at first did not cordially accept it have pronounced strongly in its favor.

Onward, the new senior class paper, has been a brilliant success, the regular edition being already 22,000. To schools opening in the spring it will be sent every week for six months, for 25 cents, in quantities of five and over. A new serial story of early Methodism of intense interest will be begun in the May number, and will run for six months. The selling price of this alone is three times the cost of the paper, which will have in addition from six to ten beautiful engravings every week, and a great variety of interesting and useful reading.

Pleasant Hours will be sent every week for six months, less than ten copies, for 12½ cents; and over ten copies, 12 cents each. The illustrated stories in this paper are proving immensely attractive to the boys and girls in our schools. For the same price as was paid for *Home and School* and *Pleasant Hours* a much greater number and variety of these two papers can be sent, in the proportion of two *Onwards* for three *Pleasant Hours*.

For primary classes the junior papers, *Sunbeam* and *Happy Days*, will be sent—less than ten copies, 7½ cents; over ten copies, 6 cents each, for six months.

The BANNER, enlarged from thirty-two to forty-eight pages, or fifty-two, will be sent for six months for 30 cents. Send orders promptly, that papers may be received in time for the spring opening of the Sunday-schools. William Briggs, Wesley Buildings, Toronto; C. W. Coates, Montreal, Que.; S. F. Huestis, Halifax, N.S.

The Wesley Centennial.

WE are glad to know that the Centennial Anniversary of the death of John Wesley has been very widely celebrated and we believe with the best results. In many places, Sunday-schools and Epworth Leagues have had special meetings, and have prepared short programmes of Essays and addresses on incidents in the life of the Wesleys and the chief aspects of Methodism. It is pleasing to know that the youth of the Church are thus laying their wreath of loving tribute on the grave of the founder of Methodism. The beautiful statue of John Wesley, in front of City Road Chapel, London, is paid for by the Sunday-school children of Great Britain, and at the hour of its unveiling beautiful wreaths of early spring flowers were sent up from Cornwall, the scene of some of

Wesley's most earnest labors, to be laid at the base of the statue.

We hope that the young people of Canadian Methodism will become more familiar than they ever were before with the story of the life and labors of the early Methodists, with the heroic traditions of their own Church. We hope, too, that very many of them will take part in the competition for the prize announced in April number of the BANNER, for the best essay on "The Influence of Methodism, especially in Canada." The essay must be in the hands of the editor of the BANNER, by the first of May.

Methodist Magazine for April.

THIS number is specially devoted to memories of 100 years of Canadian Methodism. Among other important features is an admirable sketch by the Rev. Dr. Johnston, in his best vein, of the late Rev. Dr. Rose, almost the last of the pioneer preachers of early Methodism in this land. An especially appropriate article is one abridged from Dr. Ryerson's volume, now out of print, on Canadian Methodism, giving an account of the trials and triumphs of such men as Losée, Dunham, Asbury, Bangs and Case, and others of the fathers and founders of Methodism in Canada. The Rev. Dr. Carman writes an article of characteristic vigor on "The Momentum of Methodism." The Editor describes a visit to the grave of Barbara Heck, the mother of Methodism both in Canada and the United States, with an engraving of her grave and of the "old Blue Church" near Maitland, from a water-color drawing, made especially for this Magazine. The Rev. Dr. Caven, Principal of Knox College, contributes a scholarly and timely study of Messianic Prophecy. The Symposium of Methodism is continued, embracing characterizations of Methodism by the Rev. Dr. Sheraton, Principal of Wickliffe College; the Hon. R. Harcourt, Provincial Treasurer of Ontario; James Croil, Editor of *Presbyterian Record*, and Rev. A. H. Newman, D.D., LL.D., Professor of History in McMaster University. Three copious and beautiful papers on "Through Hungary," "Strassburg to Heidelberg," and "Round About England," are also included, as well as chapters of Habberton's "All He Knew," and a scientific paper on "The Reign of Ice."

Centennial back numbers can still be supplied. Toronto: William Briggs. \$2 a year, \$1 for six months.

THEY that deserve nothing should be content with anything; bless God for what you have, and trust God for what you want; if we cannot bring our condition to our mind, we must bring our mind to our condition; if a man is not content in the state he is in, he will not be content in the state he would be in.—*Erskine Mason*.