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Improvement In Banner.

OUR friends cannot fail to have remarked the great improvement in the lesson notes of The Sunday School Banner during the current year. These notes are much more full and varied than they ever were before. The numerous cross references make the different sections much more available for teaching. We have had many testimonials of the high appreciation of the improved quality of The Banner. Some writers go so far as to say they don't see how it could be further improved.

Nevertheless, we hope to make from time to time still further improvements as experience dictates and opportunity permits. This very number marks a still further improvement. Our readers will observe that instead of the ordinary sixty-four pages which we promise, this

number contains seventy-two pages, an addition of one-eighth to the size of the periodical. Although this costs us a good deal more, yet we are determined that no extra expense shall prevent us from making this Sunday School magazine the very best Sunday School help for our teachers that we can prepare.

The teacher's work is a great and noble one, and needs every assistance that can be given it. Our church does not realize the immense debt of obligation under which it lies to the faithful, devoted, painstaking teachers in our schools. Statistics show that by far the larger proportion of the additions to the church come to it through the Sunday School. We urge our teachers to make this the subject of primary importance. Put first things first. A knowledge of the geography and history and even theology of the lessons is all very well in its place, but most important of all is their evangelistic purpose, their soul-saving power. We are glad to know that not merely at New Year's and at Easter are Decision Days appointed, but that continuous revival efforts are made in many of our schools, and that multitudes are being brought into the kingdom and trained in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Book Review.

"Methodist Union." By William Wak-
inshaw. Price, one penny. (Roch-
dale: "Joyful News" Book Depot.
Toronto: William Briggs.)

This little pamphlet is a pointed and vigorous plea for the union of the various Methodist bodies in England. That there is an increasing need of such union even in England, where there is no "Great West problem," is clearly proven. The writer does not believe, however, that the leading ministers have the cause as zealously at heart as they should. There are also messages of cheer from the seven churches of English Methodism.

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