

### “TEMPORAL THINGS.”

An earnest sister writes and sends to us a communication from which we extract the following portions :

“ I have been a reader of the Christian Banner since its commencement, and as a religious periodical I do not find a better conducted paper ; it has been enlarged during the past year, which gives us more reading for the same price than formerly. \* \* \* We are now just entering upon a new year, and the question arises, Is brother Oliphant receiving the necessary encouragement with the periodical in the way of correspondence and pecuniary aid ? Can not each brother and sister act as agent and send *at least* one new subscriber ? The travelling speakers in particular will have an opportunity to obtain many new readers, thereby do good. \* \* \* Wishing you success and a happy new year, I am with christian esteem———M. A. L.”

So writes sister L. And a brother asks if we could not put our subscription up to one dollar and a half, and still have as many subscribers ; and another intimates that every brother should at least send us an extra quarter of a dollar for the improvement in the monthly by its enlargement and beautiful cover. To all these suggestions and inquiries we offer the following responsive hints : 1st. Quite a respectable few of the friends of this monthly are becoming as punctual in sending temporal food for it to live on as could be reasonably expected. It is true there is a multiplied race of delinquents who were perhaps born under the star of procrastination. May our lessons to them prove reformatory ! 2nd. As it respects increasing the price of the work, every hearty friend can regulate this to suit himself, and all therefore may be accommodated. We send the Banner gratis to those not able to pay ; friends who can afford half its fixed subscription rate have it for that amount ; parties who are able to send us one dollar per year, receive the work welcomely ; and those rich enough and liberal enough to put into our hands a quarter more, or a half, or a whole dollar extra, will enable us to devote a greater share of time to enrich the work as well as to circulate it more widely.

The Christian Banner, as it regards temporalities, has been managed with scrupulous caution and economy, and it is perhaps not stating too much to observe that there are not more than two periodicals sustained by the brotherhood of disciples in America which have a better or stronger physical constitution than the Banner. Is it thus vigorous on account of the princely amount of funds received for its support ? Not