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## Sunday School Banner.

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### Our New Scholars' Quarterly.

We introduced last year a new paper, Dew Drops, for the Primary Department. The success of this paper, which has already reached a large circulation, showed that it has met a long felt want.

There is one other department in which we believe a want is felt for a new paper to complete our graded series of Sunday-school periodicals, namely, the senior department of our Sunday-schools. To meet the needs of this department, and to supply a suitable quarterly for the Home Department, in which very great interest is shown, a new senior quarterly will be issued. This will be a paper the same sized page as The Banner, and with 48 pages in each number. It will have beautiful illustrations and full lesson notes. This will be equally helpful in the Sunday-school and in the Home Department.

We have made diligent inquiry both in Great Britain and the United States as to the best form of literature for senior scholars and the Home Department, and believe that we have solved this question by presenting the best helps in both these

departments which are published in the world. We expect to lose money on the first year's issue of this quarterly, but to introduce it widely, it will be furnished at the very low price of

### 20 CENTS A YEAR

Let us have the hearty co-operation of our schools, and give the Senior Lesson Quarterly a trial. Specimen numbers will be sent to each school as soon as possible. We are relying upon the hearty co-operation of all our schools. For special remarks on the Home Lesson Department see last month's editorial.

### Our Periodicals for 1898.

#### METHODIST MAGAZINE AND REVIEW

The announcement of The Methodist Magazine and Review in our advertising pages will indicate what ample provision has been already made for a programme of excellence unsurpassed in the nearly twenty-four years' history of that periodical. No effort will be spared to make it increasingly useful and attractive as an ideal family magazine. Sunday-school scholars and teachers especially will find it of advantage in connection with their studies of the year.

The New York Christian Advocate, in describing the life and labours of the late Dr. Abel Stevens, one of which was the editing for three years of The National Magazine, established by the Methodist Episcopal Church, states that he found it difficult and practically impossible to secure from the denomination popularly written articles, and was over-weighted by the heavy, and often dry, contributions from theologians and others occupying high positions in the church. This magazine was, therefore, suspended in less than three years. Two subsequent attempts of our Methodist Episcopal friends to establish a popular monthly were also unsuccessful.

It is, we think, to the credit of our Canadian church that we have had so many popularly-written articles, learned without being dull, vivacious without being frivolous, as have for four-and-twenty years enriched its pages. We are assured of still further contributions that we believe would do credit to any magazine in Christendom.

From the very beginning this Magazine and Review, while thoroughly loyal