

in saying, "The Methodists themselves are the least result of Methodism." Let something be done to arouse interest in the first and greatest Methodist.

(a) Let sermons be preached in every church on Sunday, March 1st, 1891, in which Mr. Wesley's life and characteristic teaching should be stated and portrayed.

(b) On the same day there ought to be special exercises in all our Sunday-schools. It is fitting that our scholars should be told that forty years before Robert Raikes began his work in England, John Wesley had started a Sunday-school in Savannah.

The English Wesleyans send the following notice, and there are many who will sympathize:—

A series of memorial services will be held in City Road Chapel, London, beginning March 2, 1891. A new tomb is proposed for Wesley, and his house is to be put in repair as a museum for Methodist antiquities. The graveyard in which Wesley's body lies, and in which are the tombs of many Methodist celebrities, will have some needed improvements made upon it.

### In the Schools.

For cheap reading the *Methodist Magazine* has become increasingly popular from year to year in the schools. Its attractive illustrated articles, its interesting serial stories, its papers on live Methodist topics, and especially its admirable descriptions of Bible lands, have made it a great favorite with teachers and senior scholars. In a number of schools it circulates to a considerable extent as a substitute for libraries, as being fresher, cheaper and more attractive. A number of schools have taken up so ten copies a month, and one school has taken forty copies a month for circulation. It can easily be shown that this is a cheaper way of getting good reading than the ordinary Sunday-school library. For \$1.60, the price at which the *Magazine* is given to the schools, will be furnished twelve numbers of 104 pages each, with about thirty beautiful engravings in each number. This is about equivalent to ten or twelve ordinary Sunday-school books costing \$5 or \$6. It is a matter for frequent complaint that many Sunday-school libraries contain books of sensational, frivolous and even pernicious character. It is almost impossible in purchasing *en bloc* to exercise the careful supervision that should be exercised. But every line which appears in the *Magazine* and *Onward* and our other publications is carefully

pondered, and nothing is admitted that shall not combine interest and instruction with religious truth. We invite our friends who have not made a trial of this method to do so. Our publishing house can give much better value for the money to our schools in papers, which we print ourselves, than in books which we have to buy, paying heavy duty and costs of importation thereon. In no way can such good value for the money be given our schools as in furnishing the *Magazine*, *Onward* and *Pleasant Hours* and the other periodicals of our house.

We are glad to report great prosperity in our periodicals for 1891; subscriptions are coming in in unprecedented numbers. The enlargement and improvement of the *BANNER* gives great satisfaction. Its circulation, we confidently expect, will be a long way in advance.

Our new paper *Onward* has also met with a remarkably encouraging reception. Many golden opinions have been expressed by leading ministers and Sunday-school workers. The best testimony, however, is that of large subscriptions which have come from many schools in the town and cities, and numerous subscriptions for smaller numbers from a widely scattered constituency of country and village schools. The subscription list has reached 900 per day, and already on January 5th, over 12,000 subscriptions were received.

The subscriptions to *Pleasant Hours* and our other periodicals are also largely on the increase.

None of these papers have yet met our ideal. We hope to go on improving from month to month. Send in your subscriptions promptly, so as to get the series unbroken from the beginning of the year. No effort shall be spared on the part of publisher and editor to meet every expectation of our friends.

### "Onward."

THE Rev. J. W. Totten, of Oshawa, writes of our new paper:—I hail with delight this latest of our publications, known as *Onward*. Something of this kind has been in my mind for a length of time. I am delighted with the appearance of the paper. I believe it can be made a great favorite, especially amongst the young people of our congregations. I think it may be introduced into many homes where more expensive publications have never been taken. Instead of hindering the circulation of our *Guardian*, we hope it will help it by creating an appetite for our other excellent publications. We wish it great success, and hope to do our share in making it such.