

THE EIGHTH VOLUME.

The *Christian Banner* has, thus far, been well received. Evidences come to us from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, that our labour through this medium is not in vain. To sound our own trumpet of praise, is, as the readers of the work already know, not our practise "We have no such custom." Yet it is neither boasting nor self-flattery to refer occasionally to the usefulness of labours in the name of the Lord by certain instrumentalities.

Not a month has passed since the beginning of last year without bringing us new names for our subscription list. This, together with a word of encouragement from numerous and various sources, has, amid sundry obstacles and opposing elements, kept our hope at a fair average and cheered us in our onward efforts. We trust to make the current volume better than any that has preceded it. Not that we have better intentions, but because of increased opportunity, all things concurring, to command more attention and time to devote to its interests, and because, too, of the capital truth that "practise makes perfect."

To "hold forth the word of life," then, and to "speak the things that become sound doctrine" for the encouragement and upbuilding of those who have received the word of life, will be, the Lord willing, our supreme aim in every monthly issue while preparing another volume to be read by our fellow pilgrims to the eternal world.

D. O.

The "appeal to every friend of Jesus" in the September Number of volume seven has been well received. It has in some measure answered the purpose designed; and it is devoutly to be trusted that the appeal has not simply had its effect for the time present, but that it will produce fruit continuously and increasingly.

D. O.

Those prompt and considerate friends of the *Christian Banner* who have already paid for vol. 8 will please receive the choicest thanks of the editors. We are assisted to meet obligations punctually when our friends thus deal with us. Such helpers we hold at a premium; and as they "freely give" of their means, may they "freely receive."

It is our aim to mail the *Banner* about the middle of the month; but we are a few days late in issuing the number for January.

"Copy" from St. John not received as yet.