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A Step Forward.

OUR readers, we are sure, will be pleased with the marked improvements in the Lesson Notes in this and succeeding numbers of The Sunday School Banner. They are much more full and helpful to the teacher than any that we have ever published before. Indeed, so full are they—and there being five Sundays in January—that our editorial department is almost entirely crowded out. We shall have more room in succeeding numbers, and will seek to maintain this department in full efficiency. The little crudenesses in the arrangements of this number will, we trust, be overcome in future issues. The portraits of some of the contributors to our lesson helps will be appreciated by our readers.

The Methodist Magazine and Review
for December.

This number completes the sixtieth volume and thirtieth year of this family magazine, by far the oldest in Canada. It abounds in articles of interest, as "Canterbury and Its Memories," "From the Andes to the Sea," "Dante," by the late Dean Farrar, and other well illustrated papers. Quite a Christmas flavor is given by clever Christmas stories, poems and pictures. With the January number this magazine will appear in enlarged and improved form. Its programme for the year is particularly strong in illustrated articles on Canada, its extent and resources, industries and public men; also in papers on religious and social progress, character studies, popular science, the romance of missions, serial and short stories by popular writers. The November and December numbers are given free to new subscribers.

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