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## ❖ PREFACE. ❖

**S**INCE the Editors presented their customary greetings to their readers, another year has passed into history, and the BANNER has completed its Ninth Annual Voyage on the Sea of Journalism. In the main it has found favouring gales, sunny skies, and hearty welcomes at the ports it has visited in all parts of the world.

As hitherto, the Editors have striven to work up to the high ideals they ever hold before them as to what the BANNER should be. They are fain to believe that their efforts have not been entirely in vain. The commendations reaching them from our prominent workers, on each side of the Atlantic, have been numerous and encouraging. The practical support accorded the journal, while not showing a large increase, has steadily maintained itself during the past twelve months. The balance of loss is smaller than hitherto, and indications appear that it may disappear during the coming year.

Again we can say the BANNER has remained on most cordial terms with all our Lyceums, and with the Lyceum Union as well. The support it has accorded our National Union has been liberal and constant, and cordially appreciated by that body. The nature of the matter appearing in our pages has appealed to the Conductors and Leaders of our Lyceums, as well as to the large body of our readers. To the children, and others, who read the BANNER, and to the Officers of the Lyceums, the Editors return their sincere thanks for their continued support and assistance, to which they add the hope, that the same may be continued in increasing measure during the forthcoming year.

Full of faith in the promises of the Angel world, confident that the BANNER is doing a good and needful work, the Editors, with renewed zeal, address themselves to the work for another season, and while thanking all concerned for past favours, hopefully look forward to another year of useful service in assisting the spiritual enlightenment of our children, than which no nobler work can engage their energies.

THE EDITORS.

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