

Gratefully Acknowledged.

Rev. L. M. Weeks and family, of Dorchester, desire to acknowledge the kindness of their people. A few weeks ago, during the absence of the pastor, a surprise service was given, the congregation, leaving a purse and some useful articles. Later, about ten cords of wood, free of charge, were placed in the yard. These and numberless little acts of kindness, on the part of the female members of the congregation, evoked our warmest gratitude, but greater self-sacrificing consecration on the part of the pastor to their highest interests.

Since last fall I have held a monthly service at Northport Hall, which has been well attended, and a deep interest manifested. On the 23rd March the friends of the district, of both sexes, namely, Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist—met at Mrs. Anderson's, and after partaking of an excellent tea, provided by the ladies, and spending a very pleasant evening in social chat, singing and music, Bro. W. H. C. Curry, of the city, the copy man, presented me with \$31.50 in cash; for which I wish to express my heartfelt thanks, and pray that all may be blessed with God's richest gift—eternal life.

Oxford, E. C. CURRY.

American Institute of Sacred Literature

A year ago the American Institute of Sacred Literature announced a curriculum of examinations, one of which was successfully carried through in 1890. In accordance with the policy then adopted, this institution offers to any person or group of persons an examination upon any Biblical topic, and awards certificates for all meritorious work.

By this means a minister, a Bible teacher, or a private student, desiring, having completed the study of a certain Biblical subject, may be provided with a set of comprehensive and suggestive questions which will show him whether or not he has grasped the essential facts of the subject, its teachings, its relation to the Bible as a whole, and its historical and literary value.

Two general examinations are offered for 1891. The first is upon the Gospel of John and will be of special interest to those who take up the study of that gospel with the International Sunday-school lessons, beginning July 1891. The second takes up the life of the Christ based upon the four Gospels, and is primarily intended for the many who are now so keenly engaged in the special study of the topic.

In order that the questions may be adapted to all classes of persons, they are prepared in four grades as follows: (1) The advanced grade for ministers, theologians, students and persons who have completed the study of the Bible. (2) The Progressive grade for the members of adult Bible classes who have done a less amount of work upon the subject; (3) The Intermediate grade for Bible classes the members of which are from fifteen to twenty years of age; (4) The Elementary grade for those who are from ten to fifteen years of age.

Careful study of the Sunday-school

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Two general examinations are offered for 1891. The first is upon the Gospel of John and will be of special interest to those who take the study of this Gospel as a part of the regular Sunday school lessons, beginning July 1891. The second takes up the life of the Christ based upon the four Gospels, and is primarily intended for the many who are this year engaged in the special study of this topic.

For the study of the questions may be adapted to all classes of persons, they are prepared in four grades as follows: (1) the advanced grade for ministers, theologians and persons who have done close and critical work; (2) the intermediate grade for the members of adult Bible classes who have done less amount of work upon the subject; (3) the elementary grade for Bible classes the members of which are from fifteen to twenty years of age; (4) the Elementary grade for those who are from ten to fifteen years of age.

Careful study of the Sunday school lessons with the usual helps ought to be a sufficient preparation for these tasks. Through study by any method whatever, will prepare a student to answer the first two grades of the questions. Special helps are suggested to all those who wish to prepare themselves for the higher grade.

The examinations will take place January 15th, 1892. They will be conducted by special examiners, of whom there are already more than one thousand appointed by the institute. Wherever, in any place which can be reached by mail, there is even one person who wishes to take the examination, a special examiner will be appointed.

All examinees are furnished with an examination direction card containing suggestions for work and helpful outlines.

Certificates will be awarded to those whose papers reach an average of 70 per cent. These will be of three classes—A, B or C, according to the standard attained. The individual results of the examination and the names of the successful students will be known only to the examiner, the examinee and the Institute instructors.

This work can best be made universal by a multiplicity of examiners. A special appeal is therefore made to all ministers, Sunday-school superintendents or Bible class teachers, who are willing to become special examiners, to send in their names at once.

All these, and also all individual groups who desire to take one or both of these examinations, should write immediately to William R. Harper, New Haven, Conn., who will receive and give prompt attention to all inquiries.

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