

work comprises List I., List II., and the First Year of List III., of the Scripture Memory Passages. The beginners, under six, or first grade of the Primary Department, learn the Twenty-third Psalm, The Lord's Prayer, The Words of Blessing (Matt. 5 : 1-12), and The Lambs of the Flock (Mark 10 : 13-16), and thus win their pretty little Certificate. In the Advanced Grade of the Primary Department, six to nine years of age, and in the two years of the Junior Department, nine to eleven, the 100 verses of List II. are completed, and the larger Certificate won; whilst the First section of List III. is spread over four years, about fifty verses a year. The recitation of these secures the fine Diploma, and leaves the way open for the red and golden Seals by the recitation of the remaining sections of List III.

Some Facts and Figures

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There is a steadily increasing interest in the plan for Scripture Memory Work, as outlined a few years ago by the General Assembly's Committee on Sabbath Schools. This is clearly shown by the following statement as to the number of Certificates, Diplomas, and Seals awarded for this work during the past four years :

Awards granted in 1904.....	601
" " 1905.....	1203
" " 1906.....	1578
" " 1907.....	1959

Every Presbytery of our church is included in the list for 1907, with the exception of two of the smaller and recently organized Presbyteries in the West. All the various classes of Schools are represented, from the smallest country Schools to the city School with the largest enrolment of any in our whole church. The largest number of awards gained by any individual School during 1907 for the memorizing of scripture and the Shorter Catechism was 67, received by a large city School, Knex Church, Stratford, Ont., and the second largest number 58, was received by a small country School, Wick, Ont.

Not a day passes without letters from

superintendents of some of the 2,500 Presbyterian Sabbath Schools from the Atlantic to the Pacific, or from our missionaries in India, China, or Korea, where the boys and girls have completed the prescribed lists, and are eager to receive this recognition of their work given by their own church. In these letters, reference is frequently made to the influence for good in the lives of the young people who are systematically and thoroughly committing to memory portions of the Word of God, at a time when memory work is relatively easy and a pleasure, and when the results are most likely to be a permanent possession.

For the benefit of the large number of Schools which have not yet taken up this work, it may be well to add the following explanation :

1. Sample copies of the prescribed lists of verses with full information in regard to the regulations, can be obtained at any time from the office of the General Secretary for Sabbath Schools, Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

2. These verses may be learned at home, or in part in the School, and when the required passages have been committed to memory, they may be repeated to the minister, superintendent, or any responsible person named by the School for this purpose.

3. The Certificates, Diplomas, and Seals, in recognition of the successful completion of this work, are forwarded, free of charge, whenever the application for them is received.
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The Essentials of Good Teaching

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II. ADAPTING THE MATERIAL

In view of the fact that there are several distinct stages in the child's development, it must be at once evident that the same kind of material will not be suitable for all. Whether or not we should have different series of lessons graded to suit the interests of children at different ages, I shall not attempt to discuss. The important fact for us at present is, that, since, as a rule, the uniform series is used in all grades, the teacher must undertake to adapt the material to the special needs of his pupils.

The first important particular in which the