

# The Teachers Monthly

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## HOW OUR GRADED LESSONS FIT

There are certain features in the Sunday School curriculum and exercises which our church has been at pains to develop, and which it has not been found possible to preserve in the systems of Graded Lessons already in the field, but which have been fully provided for in our new Departmental Graded Lessons, which are now ready, and which will come into use at the New Year. The enumeration of these features may assist Schools now using the Uniform Lessons to a decision as to whether they shall adopt the Graded Lessons.

### UNITED WORSHIP

Under the old Uniform Lessons, the natural thing was to have opening exercises for the whole School as one body. The same scripture passage was studied by all. Hence nothing easier than to make it the foundation of the exercise of common worship preceding study in the classes. Under a graded system each Department has its own separate passage for Lesson study; and if there is to be an assembling of the whole School at the opening, special provision must be made for this.

Such provision is made in our Departmental Graded course. A passage of scripture and an appropriate selection from our own Book of Praise, are set down for each Sunday, and given in the Teachers' Quarterlies of the several Departments. Nothing, then, is simpler than the assembling of the whole School, and an exercise of worship based on the scripture passage and the praise selection given in the Quarterlies.

### THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS

This familiar, and increasingly prized, feature of our Uniform Lesson Helps is ruled out under previous Graded Lessons for lack of material. These Graded Lessons have been prepared for many different denominations, and, of course, special material of any one denomination is excluded.

In the Primary and Junior Grades of our new graded series—and we hope this can soon be extended to the Intermediate and Senior grades—the Question on Missions takes its old place in the scholars' and teachers' Folders and Quarterlies, with the usual reference to illustrative Lantern Slides. A School, therefore, adopting our Graded Lessons goes right on, as before, with the Question on Missions; and, in cases where the Graded Lessons are adopted for some of the Departments up to the Junior, and the Uniform Lesson used for the remaining Departments, the whole School will have the material on the Question on Missions in their hands. This material fits admirably into the opening exercises, or, if preferred, forms an excellent basis for a common closing exercise, for the whole School.

### THE CATECHISMS

A part of the day's programme on which many Schools lay stress is the repetition of the Catechism. It is a feature without which no series of Sunday School Lessons should be deemed complete.

In our Graded Primary and Junior material the Catechisms are incorporated, as in our Uniform Lesson Helps,—our Primary Catechism for the Primary Department, and the Shorter