

OUR PRIZE BIBLE COMPETITION.

THE CLOSE OF THE CONTEST.

It is now our great pleasure to announce the results of the most successful Bible competition the Northern Messenger has ever had. No less than two hundred and ninety-five young people have taken part with a faithfulness that cannot be too highly commended. Of these 173 were girls and 104 boys. Eighteen others there were, however, who entirely forgot to give their names, and still a few more gave their names but no address.

The extent of territory over which these young Bible students are scattered will be seen from the following:—From Ontario, 127; Quebec, 36; Nova Scotia, 32; New Brunswick, 10; New York, 18; Michigan, 8; Prince Edward Island, 6; Manitoba, 4; North West Territory, 2; Minnesota, 2; Pennsylvania, 3; Kansas, 2; Illinois, 3; Ohio, 2; Washington Territory, 1; Missouri, 1; Texas, 1; Indiana, 1; Maryland, 1; Dakota, 1; Ireland, 1.

The competition, it will be remembered, extended over the whole of last year, two or three questions being given in each number. The total number of questions given was seventy-five, but, owing to some slight misunderstanding, perhaps because we did not state the matter clearly enough to begin with, a number were not sure whether the questions in the Jan. 13th. number were included, so to give all an equal chance these were left out of the count, as were also the last four questions, and the enigma in the second number. This left, therefore, sixty-three questions on which the competitors were to be examined. And now for

THE RESULTS.

The highest number of marks, out of the possible sixty-three, were 61½, taken by MASTER GEORGE PAULL, Yeovil, Ont. The next two, MASTER JOHN REID, Hurly's Station, Ont., and MASTER AUSTIN LEWIS McCREIDIE, Lyons, Ont., were equal, each taking 61 marks.

The third prize also has two claimants. MASTER JOHN LE COUTEUR LE GRAND, and MASTER ELIAS WILLIAM LE GRAND, Paspébiac, Que., each taking 60½. All the first five are boys! Well done, boys! Who will say now that girls are much more generally ahead. But the young ladies are very little behind, and the following three deserve

SPECIAL MENTION.

MISS JESSIE E. HEPBURN, Gaynor City, Missouri. MISS MARY I. MACLENNAN, Owen Sound, Ont., MISS EFFIE A. MEIKLEJOHN, Wellman's Corner, Ont.

These three are only one half mark behind the last prize men, each of them having sixty questions quite correct.

The following ninety-two are also well deserving of

HONORABLE MENTION.

all having given correct answers to between fifty and sixty questions. We have much pleasure in giving their names and the marks taken by each:—

Christina A. McKell, Prince Edward Island, 51; Lizzie A. Ogden, New Brunswick, 50; Laura A. Newcomb, Nova Scotia, 53; Emily Macnab, Ontario, 59; Rebecca J. McDonald, Ontario, 58; Nellie Redmond, Nova Scotia, 59; Anna Magaw, Ohio, 59; James M. McCarter, Ontario, 51; Francis McNaughton, Quebec, 51; Mary McClelland, Michigan, 59; Annie Parson, Ontario, 57; Elizabeth McL. Patton, Quebec, 50; Conchessa Pepper, Ontario, 52; Archie G. Sinclair, Ontario, 59; William A. Johnston, New Brunswick, 56; M. Ella Williams, Quebec, 55; Maggie J. Duff, Quebec, 51; James Davis, New Brunswick, 55; Willie J. Dillane, Ontario, 52; Bella Donn, Quebec, 57; Alice M. Dean, Quebec, 50; George O. Fisher, New York, 57; Walter J. Fordice, Quebec, 53; Frankie Brunskill, Ontario, 57; Helen Humphries, Ontario, 52; Edith Binnie, Ontario, 55; Flora A. Bryant, Quebec, 56; Ella J. Bagnall, Prince Edward Island, 57; Anna R. Cutis, Ohio, 57; Flora Colburn, Nova Scotia, 57; Leta H. Laskie, New Brunswick, 57; Louie G. Hamilton, Nova Scotia, 51; Willie F. Coffin, Prince Edward Island, 55; Norman L. Cook, Nova Scotia, 51; Maggie M. Campbell, Ontario, 51; Willie R. Crono, Ontario, 52; Maggie Lowrie, New York, 57; Nellie Cowan, Ontario, 58; Winnie Elliott, Ontario, 51; Jennie Wittet, Ontario, 53; Christina Savage, Quebec, 56; T. Henry Hepburn, Missouri, 59; Hattie Williams, Ontario, 50; Mary E. Williams, Ontario, 52; Carrie D. Wheelodon, New York, 50; James Wilson, Ontario, 59; Adelbert E. Webb, Quebec, 51; Luella Guthrie, New York, 50; Aggie Guthrie,

New York, 58; Charles Hunt, Ontario, 50; Walter G. Robinson, Ontario, 55; Maggie H. Rolven, Ontario, 59; Jessie Rankin, Ontario, 56; Charles Rooney, Quebec, 51; Stella F. Slomtz, Pennsylvania, 51; Willie C. Smith, Ontario, 59; Henry J. M. Smith, Quebec, 57; Cora Shields, New York, 56; Bert Sprole, Ontario, 57; Ernest M. Tracy, Allegheny, 58; Maude Tomlinson, Ontario, 51; John J. Tamahill, Quebec, 55; Simon S. Terwilliger, New York, 59; Genevieve Townsend, Michigan, 57; Ellen C. Allan, Ontario, 55; Mabel F. Awde, Quebec, 55; Thomas A. Allan, Ontario, 51; James H. Addison, Prince Edward Island, 55; William Allan, Ontario, 53; Robbio Atkinson, New York, 57; James T. Bartran, Ontario, 59; Gracie H. Barton, Illinois, 53; Mary Brims, Quebec, 51; George M. Bryco, Ontario, 50; Nellie Blain, Ontario, 59; Adah E. Henderson, Ontario, 50; Eva Homenway, Ontario, 55; Bessie Hale, New York, 56; Alice M. Hume, Ontario, 50; Lily Ham, Ontario, 59; James McLaughlin, Nova Scotia, 57; Francis B. Standen, Ontario, 55; Helen E. Jones, New York, 58; John W. Korr, Ontario, 57; Minnie B. Longley, Nova Scotia, 53; Janet E. McDonald, Ontario, 57; Maggie Young, Michigan, 58; Amolia M. Anderson, Ontario, 59; Maggie Northwood, Ontario, 58; Bessie M. Scott, Ontario, 57.

COMPETITORS ANSWERING UNDER FIFTY.

Those taking under fifty marks are:—

Nellie Bruce, Ontario; Jeannette Brownell, Quebec; Elsie Rankin, Ontario; George Garbutt, Ontario; Lena Fraser, Nova Scotia; Maggie N. Graham, Ireland; Edith L. Baird, New Brunswick; Laura Hoeklin, Ontario; S. Wilbert Hill, Nova Scotia; Lillie E. Webster, Ontario; Maggie Weeks, Ontario; Maggie Fleming, Ontario; Arthur W. Fisher, Minnesota; Robert W. Fleming, Nova Scotia; Aubrey Fullerton, Nova Scotia; Mary Brown, Ontario; G. F. Carruthers, Ontario; Alex. A. Clisholm, Nova Scotia; Percy Morrison, Ontario; Euphonia Nutbrown, Quebec; Jessie Lawson, Ontario; Edith L. Marry, New York; W. J. McKelroy, New York; Bessie Lauren, New York; John O. Rice, New York; Robert R. Racy, Quebec; Sarah Brown, Minnesota; Agnes G. Phillips, New Brunswick; Charles F. Nelson, North-West Territory; Bert Anderson, Ontario; Alice McCutcheon, Quebec; Mary Christina Kidd, Ontario; Robert G. Johnston, Ontario; Stanley Crawford, New York; Minnie S. Wheeler, Quebec; Mildred M. C. Wainwright, Quebec; Jennie Watson, Ontario; Helen Humphries, Ontario; James B. Campbell, Ontario; Katie A. Stewart, Ontario; Gertrude J. Brown, Nova Scotia; Wilford Watson, Ontario; New Brunswick; Henry Cole Sloan, Ontario; Margaret Ann Macarney, Ontario; Eliza Morrow, Michigan; Arthur Fairbairn, Ontario; Mary B. Daniel, Nova Scotia; Hattie Wells, Ontario; Dwight M. Warren, New York; M. E. Walker, Ontario; Arthur J. Rossor, Ontario; Verna E. Truesdell, Pennsylvania; Ernest M. Straight, New Brunswick; Absalom Shelby, Ontario; Amanda Sterling, Nova Scotia; Elsie E. Swain, Grafton; Minnie Smith, Ontario; Katie M. Rohson, Ontario; Margaret Robinson, Texas; William Roy, Quebec; George M. Routley, Ontario; Florence Taggart, Quebec; Mrs. George Thexton, Ontario; S. Wilbert Hill, Nova Scotia; Lina H. Surin, Nova Scotia; Riley M. Stormont, Indiana; Katie E. Richards, Maryland; Maggie H. Relyea, Ontario; George H. Tomlinson, Ontario; Lizzie Curry, Quebec; Alouzo N. Clark, Ontario; Jessie W. Cook, New York; Stanley Crawford, New York; Eliza M. Christison, Nova Scotia; James W. Chapman, Ontario; Bella Cavers, Quebec; Bella F. Christie, Ontario; Anna L. Hill, Nova Scotia; John T. Hawes, Ontario; Eliza M. Hough, Ontario; Lester B. Hill, Nova Scotia; Josephine Hines, Nova Scotia; William Hynes, Ontario; Rodgers Hilton, Nova Scotia; Elsie Hall, Ontario; Mrs. J. Walker, Ontario; George M. Whidden, Nova Scotia; Hattie Wells, Ontario; Maud A. Whitcomb, Quebec; Eva E. Walker, Sullivan; Jennie Wittet, Ontario; Lizzie White, Ontario; Minnie A. Wilson, Ontario; Alice Whiteside, Ontario; Minnie S. Wheeler, Quebec; Alma Danville, Quebec; Jennie Donaldson, Ontario; Christina J. Doner, Ontario; William G. Dinwoodie, Ontario; Willie Jenkin, Dakota; Willie J. Dillane, Freecastle; Willie Findlay, Quebec; Lenora Ferguson, Ontario; Martha L. Faulkner, Nova Scotia; Mary Brown, Ontario; Olive Biddison, Kansas; Lottie Blanchard, Michigan; Minnie Bursell, Newfoundland; Lizzie Bagnall, Prince Edward Island; Martha Laroque, Ontario; Aggie Becket, Ontario; Gracie H. Barton, Illinois; George M. Bryco, Ontario; Nellie Bruce, Ontario; Bertha Butler, Nova Scotia; Kattie Bernard, Nova Scotia; Hannah Bowes, Ontario; James Buchanan, Ontario; T. Buckton, Ontario; Minnie Giebner, Ontario; William Gilbert, Ontario; Sadio Graham, Ontario; Hannah E. Greene, Ontario; Fannie Grummett, Ontario; Margaret G. Orford, Ontario; Maudie J. Truster, Ontario; Lillie Roberts, Michigan; Andrew Ronald, Ontario; Eleeta Rosbro, Kansas; Nellie M. Presley, Michigan; Bell Price, Ontario; Eliza A. Morrow, Ontario; Lottie McLaurin, Ontario; John Mahon, Ontario; Nellie Murray, Nova Scotia; Hilliard S. Neilson, Ontario; Minnie Nelson, Ontario; Helen C. O'Brien, Nova Scotia; John H. Anderson, Ontario; Harry A. Archibald, Nova Scotia; John A. Campbell, Ontario; Henry Jeffries Ashe, Manitoba; Maud Allen, Ontario; Freddie Anderson, Ontario; Reggie Abbott, Ontario; Agnes Arbuckle, Ontario; Cyrus Baldwin, Ontario; Edith Longfellow Baird, New Brunswick; Aletha E. Merrit, Ontario; Mary McBeath, New Brunswick; M. MacLewen, Ontario; Talmao H. McMillan, Prince Edward Island; Agnes B. Macpherson, Ontario; Susie L. Lindsay, Nova Scotia; J. McGregor, Nova Scotia; Percy Morrison, Ontario; Aggie Mooney, Ontario; Kenneth L. Jardine, Ontario; Edith Johnson, Ontario; Nellie Lockery, Quebec; Lewis W. Lamb, Ontario; Eliza C. Kenning, Ontario; Adam Keys, North West Territory; Fred Pritchard, Quebec; George E. Pentland, Ontario; Hildie Potland, Ontario; James W. Meldrum, Quebec; Robert McLaggart, Ontario; Elsie McNeil, Prince Edward Island; Ellen Messer, New Brunswick; Alice M. Martin, Manitoba; Robert Mills, Ontario; Lewis A. Morris, Washington Territory; John May, Quebec; Nellie Milligan, Manitoba; Alice McKell, Quebec; Lewis McCracken, Illinois; John MacIntyre, Ontario; Jessie Linklater, Manitoba; Robert Blackwood, Laxton, Nova Scotia; Birdie Lavers, Quebec; Flora McGillivray, Ontario; Amos Mitchell, Nova Scotia.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT IT.

From all quarters we have had, from the competitors, the most cordial expressions

of their pleasure in the work. One young lady writes from Nova Scotia:

"I am glad to tell you that I have taken great pleasure in the Bible Questions during the past year. I have answered them all as well as I could, and in searching for the answers I have learned a great deal about the Bible that I never knew before. I hope the others have enjoyed the work as much as I have.

Your friend, NELLIE REDMOND."

Another writes:—

"I have enjoyed the Bible Questions very much. JOHN LE C. LE GRAND."

A third tells us:—

"Though we have not sent answers for some time yet we have found them regularly as part of our Sabbath School task, and a thoroughly enjoyed part, too. I highly esteem the Messenger as a real Sunday School paper and intend getting up a club for 1889. M. E. WALKER."

Still another says:

"I wish to thank you again for giving those Bible Questions. I, at least, am very glad to have had the opportunity of answering them and am only sorry they have come to an end. I sincerely hope there will be another competition next year and that more than 'one drawer' will be filled with answers. BESSIE M. SCOTT."

ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUESTIONS IN 1888.

The following are the answers to the entire set:—

- 1. Deborah.—Gen. 35: 8.
2. Samuel.—1 Samuel 9: 13.
3. 1 Chron. 11: 22.
4. Rehoboam.—2 Chron. 11: 21.
5. Numbers 27: 1-11.—(a) The Law of Inheritance. (b) Moses, (c) Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

SCRIPTURE ENIGMA.

- PEACE.—John 11: 27; 20: 19.
Poninnah.....1 Sam. 1: 4-7.
E-phesians.....Eph. 3: 1, 11; 1-22.
A-bigail.....1 Sam. 25: 3; 10-14, 32, 33.
C-orinth.....1 Cor. 13: 11.
E-sau.....Gen. 33: 1-11; 27-19, 25, 36.
6. Seralah, son of Azariah. He was slain at Riblah by Nebuchadnezzar. 1 Chron. 6: 14; 2 Kings 25: 18-21; Jer. 52: 21-27.
7. Jeremiah. Jer. 39: 11-14; 40: 2-4.
8. Zechariah, son of Jehoiada, generally considered to be the same as Zacharias, son of Baruchias. Matt. 23: 35; 2 Chron. 24: 20-22.
9. Aaron. Ex. 29: 1-9.
10. Seventy thousand. Because of David's sin in numbering the people. 2 Sam. 21: 1-15.
11. When one slew the prophet who disobeyed God's command forbidding him to stop to eat or drink until he returned home after warning Jeroboam. 1 Kings 13: 24.
12. The Syrian Army. 2 Kings 6: 18-20.
13. Jairus daughter. Mark 5: 41-42.
14. Matt. 8: 14.
15. Babylon. Ephesus.
16. Chaldean, Persian, Macedonian, Roman.
17. The total destruction of Jerusalem. Luke 19: 41-44.
18. In the plains of Moab opposite Jericho. Num. 22: 1.
19. (a) Pul or Sardanapalus—Jewish king, Menahem. 2 Kings 15: 16. (b) Tiglath Pileser, Jewish king Pekah. 2 Kings 15: 23. (c) Sennacherib. Jewish king Hoshea. 2 Kings 17: 3. (d) Nebuchadnezzar, Jewish king, Jehoiachin. 2 Kings 24: 8-11.
20. Mount Carmel, Elijah and Elisha. 1 Kings 18: 19; 2 Kings 4: 25.
21. 2 Kings 6: 6.
22. Garments mingled of linen and wool. Lev. 19: 19.
23. During the reign of Rehoboam, because he would not lessen the burdens of the people. 1 Kings 12: 1, 19.
24. The tribes of Judah and Benjamin. Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 1 Kings 12: 20, 21.
25. Smyrna and Philadelphia. Rev. 2: 8, 11; 3: 7, 11.
26. On his first missionary journey Paul visited Salamis, Paphos, Perga, Antioch in Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe. Acts 13: 4, 5; 14: 1, 28.
27. Jeroboam, Nadab, Baasha, Elah, Zimri, Omri, Ahab. 1 Kings 15: 9; 22: 41.
28. (a) See Joshua 6: 26. (b) During the reign of Ahab on Hiel the Bethelite. 1 Kings 16: 34.
29. 1. "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me." Matt. 27: 26. 2. "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Luke 23: 34. 3. "To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise." Luke 23: 43. 4. "Father into thy hands I commend my spirit." Luke 23: 46. 5. "Woman, behold thy son....son, behold thy mother." John 19: 26-27. 6. "I thirst." John 19: 28. 7. "It is finished." John 19: 30.
30. In Esther.
31. Absalom. 2 Sam. 18: 9-17.
32. Joseph. Gen. 37: 28. Christ. Matt. 26: 15.
33. They disagreed about taking John Mark. Acts 15: 36-41.
34. (a) The joint army of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah; Jehoram, King of Israel, and the King of Edom. (b) Elisha. 2 Kings 3: 1-20.
35. By Mordecai to Esther on the occasion of Haman's plot to murder all the Jews. Esther 4: 14.
36. Christ talking with the Samaritan woman. John 4: 5-26.
37. Jehovah-jireh. The name was given by Abraham when he was not allowed to sacrifice Isaac, and on this spot Solomon's temple was built. Gen. 22: 14; 2 Chron. 3: 1.
38. Paul with Silas as his companion started on his second missionary journey from Antioch and visited in succession the following towns and provinces:—Syria, Cilicia, Derbe, Lystra, Iconium, Phrygia, Galatia, Mysia, Troas, thence across to Macedonia visiting Samothracia, Neapolis, Philippi, Amphipolis, Apollonia, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth; across the sea again to Ephesus whence he took ship to Cæsarea and from thence went to Antioch. Acts 15: 40. Chaps. 16, 21.

- 39. Malachi. About four hundred years. Mal. 4: 5. Matt. 3: 1-6.
40. The chief priests paid the guard to say so. Matt. 28: 12-14.
41. Cousin. She was his uncle's daughter. Esther 2: 7.
42. Zedekiah. 2 Kings, 25: 1-7.
43. (a) Barak, (b) Deborah, (c) Canaanites (d) Jabin (e) Sisera. Jud. 4: 1, 9.
44. "Thou shalt not covet." "Thou shalt not kill." "Thou shalt not bear false witness." "Thou shalt not steal." The king was Ahab. The owner of the ground Naboth. The Gibeonites. Josh. 9: 3-27.
45. (a) At Shiloh. Josh. 18: 1. (b) When Solomon's temple was built. 2 Chron. 5.
46. Jephthah. Judges 11: 30-40.
47. The seventy sons of Ahab. (b) Jehu. (c) Elijah's prophecy that there should not one of Ahab's sons be left. 2 Kings 10: 1-11.
48. Nohah. Gen. 9: 20.
49. Hannah. Judges 13: 13-14.
50. By Elijah when he met the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. 1 Kings 18: 21.
51. Three times. 1. When the Israelites crossed over on their way from Egypt. Josh. 3: 14-17. 2. When Elijah passed over with Elisha. 3. When Elisha came back alone. 2 Kings 2: 1-14.
52. In Acts 12. It was in his mother's house that the disciples were praying when Peter was released by the angel from prison.
53. David was told by Nathan to build the House of the Lord as he wished: but that night the word of God came to Nathan that David must not do it. 1 Chron. 17: 1-15.
54. Aroni-Bezok, king of Bezek. Judges 1: 5-7.
55. Or, king of Bashan. It was nine cubits long and four wide. Dent. 3: 11.
56. (a) Sisera, captain of the Canaanitish host, was killed by Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite. Judges 4: 21. (b) Abimelech, one of the judges of Israel killed in battle by a woman rolling a stone from the city wall. Judges 9: 53.
57. On the occasion of Josiah destroying idolatry. 2 Kings 23: 1-11.
58. With Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace. Daniel 3: 25.
59. Paul besought us to "present our bodies a living sacrifice....our reasonable service. Rom. 12: 1.
60. 1. To the serpent. "I will put enmity between thee and the woman," etc. Gen. 3: 15. 2. To Abram. "In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Gen. 12: 3. 3. Jacob's prophecy to Judah. "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah nor a law giver from between his feet until Shiloh come and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." Gen. 49: 10. 4. Balaam's Prophecy. "I shall see him but not now, I shall behold him but not nigh; there shall come a Star out of Jacob and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel that shall smite the corners of Moab and destroy all the children of Sheth." Num. 24: 17.
61. In Bethlehem. Micah 5: 2.
62. On the occasion of Josiah destroying idolatry. 2 Kings 23: 1-11.
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FUTURE PLANS.

Another Bible competition, though of a somewhat different character, will, we hope, be announced later on, but as so many of our young people are busy now writing stories of Canadian history, we will withhold our announcement until they are through.

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