

ASSIGNING SPECIAL SUBJECTS

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To have the gospel in every home is a great thing, but to have it in the mind is still better. At Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools we make special efforts to memorize the scripture.

Our method is to take a subject, as redemption, confession of sins, the Lord's Supper and transubstantiation, free salvation through the merits of Christ and the power of the priest for salvation, Christ our Mediator and the intercession of the Virgin and the saints, etc. The discussion creates a great interest among our pupils, who, after having understood that Rome and the Bible are two entirely different things, see the necessity of knowing what Christ said, in order to defend and justify themselves.

A true Protestant should know why he is protesting. The spirit of investigation is looking for truth, looking for truth means hard study, and hard study means memorizing.

Pointe-aux-Trembles, Que.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

By Rev. J. M. McLeod, M.A.

Quite a number of the young people of our congregation have received Diplomas and Seals for memorizing scripture. The work has been going on steadily for years. The method we adopted was this: The pastor brought the matter to the attention of the young, heartily commended the work to superintendents, parents, and children, as the Assembly's plan of work. Superintendents requested the scholars to take up the work, and parents encouraged their children.

At first only a few undertook it; several looked upon it as a difficult undertaking. But, after the presentation of Diplomas at the public service in the presence of the congregation, a new impetus was given to the work. Our custom has been to present the Diplomas and Seals before the close of the service on Sabbath, and commend the scholars for their diligence and success. Such a public recognition of the importance of storing scripture in the memory has greatly stimulated the work in our congregation.

New Mills, N.B.

HOME AND SCHOOL: A PARTNERSHIP

By Rev. J. A. Moir, B.A.

Memorization of scripture has had a prominent place in our Sabbath School work for a long time.

Any success attained is chiefly due to the co-operation of the home with the teacher. Most of those who have obtained Certificates or Diplomas have come from homes in which an interest is shown in the work, or from classes taught by those who have kept it before their pupils, very often from a combination of these.

We have found the Certificates and Diplomas of material assistance, and have used them alone as rewards. These are publicly presented, usually at a morning service in the church, and in this way the parents, as well as the children, are likely to become more interested.

Eramosa, Ont.

The Memory Passages

Instead of the scrappy "memory verses" connected with each Sabbath's Scripture Lesson, our church encourages the committing to memory of complete portions of the Word of God, very carefully selected and suitable to the varied ages of the scholars.

These Scripture Memory Passages comprise three lists: List I. of twenty-seven verses: "For Those Who Cannot Read"; List II. of about 100 verses: "For Those Under Eleven"; and List III.: "For Those Eleven and Over", about 500 verses, which are divided into three sections of about two hundred verses each.

A pretty little Certificate in colors is given for the recitation of List I., a larger Certificate for List II., a beautiful Diploma for any one year of List III., with a Red Seal for a second, and a Golden Seal for the remaining year.

The task of committing all these passages of scripture to memory is by no means a formidable one. Very many boys and girls do it with a relish, and in a very short space of time. In fact—and this is an encouragement for even the slowest—by following the memory work of the Supplemental Lessons (send to us for an Information Leaflet), a large portion of the whole is accomplished without perceptible effort. This memory