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THE NEW GRADED LESSONS

The General Assembly, and the whole church, have been delighted to learn of the issue for January 1st next of our new series of DEPARTMENTAL GRADED LESSONS ; and our Sunday Schools everywhere are already on the *qui vive* for a sight of them.

Graded Lessons are designed to meet the needs of those Schools which desire something other than the present Uniform Lessons in some one or more Departments, or in all the Departments. It is for each School to decide for itself, after careful inquiry and examination, which of the two series, Uniform, or Graded, it will use. We are now in a position to supply both, of our own publication ; so that no Canadian Presbyterian Sunday School need go outside its own Publishing House for any Lesson material it may require.

The cardinal difference between the Uniform and the Graded Lessons is that, in the former, every class in the School has the same Lesson ; in the latter, scholars of different ages have different Lessons, carefully adjusted to the respective ages. This plan is very strongly approved by educators, and is being more and more widely adopted.

A chief difference between the series of Graded Lessons we are now preparing to issue and the series that has been more or less in use among our Schools, is that the latter has a separate Lesson for each *year*, whilst our series is Departmental,—a Lesson for each *Department*. For the complete instalment of the former in a School, *seventeen* classes and teachers are requisite. Our Departmental Series can be wrought out perfectly in a School of only *five* classes, each class, in such case, forming a Department. This series is also equally applicable to Schools with twenty, or fifty, or a hundred classes—the classes of the same ages being grouped in Departments. The larger Schools, therefore, which have been using the present minutely Graded Lessons, will be able readily to substitute our series for these ; whilst no School is too small to use our Lessons with comfort and profit. The five Departments, for each of which a Lesson is provided, are the Beginners, the Primary, the Junior, the Intermediate, and the Senior.

Another important feature of our Graded Lessons is that they will be issued, as our Uniform Lessons now are, in periodicals, not in books. This is, by all odds, the most convenient for teachers, scholars, Sunday School officers, and the home. The present Uniform Quarterlies and Leaflets, will, of course, go on, just as they have gone on ; but, beginning with January, 1915, we shall issue an additional new series of *Graded Quarterlies* and Leaflets for the teachers and scholars of the Beginners, Primary and Junior Departments. We hope, a little later, to supply the material for the Intermediate and Senior Departments in the same form. In the meantime, we shall furnish the "little book" material for these grades, as edited by our sister Presbyterian Board of Philadelphia.

Will ministers and Sunday School superintendents and secretaries please write us for any further information they may require ? We hope to be in a position to furnish full explanatory printed matter early in September.

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