

was singularly unanimous and enthusiastic, and from every part of the United States, as well as from Canada, there are indications that the great body of Pastors, Superintendents and Sunday school workers will heartily concur and co-operate.

It has long been felt, that in most schools there was a want of system and completeness in the mode of studying the Bible, and that pupils might pass through these schools without a thorough knowledge of Scriptural truth. After mature and careful consideration, the Convention appointed a Committee of five, representing the five leading denominations, to prepare and select a course of lessons, extending over not more than seven years, which should embrace the whole Bible. The Rev. Dr. John Hall of New York represented the Presbyterian Church on this Committee, and the other members are of equal standing in their own denominations. Since the Convention, two members have been added as representing Canada on the Committee.

The advantages of this Uniform Series will suggest themselves to every reflecting mind, and may be summed up in this, "That they will lead to a more thorough study of the Word of God." It may not be out of place, however, to mention a few considerations in favour of our acceptance of the Uniform Series as a Church, and thereby reaping its advantages in common with thousands of congregations and schools scattered over this great continent.

1. Every scholar will have an opportunity of studying the entire Word of God, alternating in the course of each year between the Old and New Testaments.

2. Many able writers in all the Churches will doubtless prepare the explanatory notes upon the uniform lessons selected by the Committee, the duty of the latter being confined to selection and arrangement of these lessons.

3. As the lessons will be in simultaneous use on the same Sundays all over this continent, they will doubtless form subjects for sermons and lectures in the churches, for reading and study in the family circle, and for explanatory articles in the religious papers of each denomination.

4. This simultaneous study of the same passage in the Word of God may be expected to exercise a powerful sympathetic effect over all who participate in it, and as denominational writers will know that in the other churches able minds are bent upon the same Bible truths, it may be expected that sectarian and narrow-minded views will be held in check or very much softened by the wide publicity given to the comments.

5. Teachers and scholars passing from one locality to another will not suffer by the change, but will be able without interruption to pursue their study of the Scriptures.

6. Schools in remote or destitute localities will be able to reap, equally with their more favoured brethren, the great advantages of the Uniform Series, and of the many aids and helps in the shape of teachers' and scholars' notes, lesson papers, and other modes of explanation which it will undoubtedly call forth.

7. In common with other religious papers, the "Presbyterian" will be able to give monthly notes and explanations on the lessons, either prepared by one of our own Ministers or carefully selected from some other reliable source.—*Presbyterian*.

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We give our readers the Funeral Sermon preached in the forenoon of the 23rd day of June, by the Rev. Archibald Watson of Dundee, who, our readers will remember, was Dr. Macleod's companion on his memorable journey to India.

The Rev. Doctor having dispensed with the formality of selecting a text, said—I have never had so sad a task to perform as that which is set before me this day. It is a day of sorrow. It is a day on which we are allowed to indulge our sorrow. When you assembled here last Sunday morning, you thought of your minister, and you prayed for him, and trusted that you would soon hear his voice again; and to-day you mourn over his loss, and your mourning is not less but greater when you remember that this loss of yours has stirred the hearts of tens of thousands in this country, in India, in America, and over the world. His ministry was for you, but you did not grudge to share this privilege with others, and all who ever heard his voice or