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COURSE OF STUDY IN BIBLE HISTORY.

We would draw the attention of our Sabbath School teachers to the new course in history contained in the Syllabus of Higher Religious Instruction for 1896. The history of the church in Scotland gives way to a four years' study of Bible history under the guidance of Dr. Blaikie. The text-book is unique in its plan and comprehensive in its scope. We cannot give a better idea of its contents than by quoting from the author's preface.

"The purpose of this work is to enable students of the Bible to grasp the whole course of history which it contains, both in its outline and in its details, and to indicate and apply the great lessons which the history is designed to convey. For this end—

1. It follows the stream of the Bible narrative, arranging and classifying the leading facts, so as to aid the eye and the memory in grasping the whole.

2. It keeps in view, throughout, the great spiritual purpose of Revelation, and shows its gradual development.

3. For illustrating the narrative, it takes advantage of the mass of Biblical illustration of which recent years have been so prolific, in researches, monuments, travels, and expeditions in Bible lands.

4. It notices briefly the chief countries, towns, and other scenes of Bible history as they occur; bringing before the reader the facts that contribute most to the full understanding of what is said of them in the Bible.

5. It glances at the parallel history and progress of the leading nations of the world—showing what was going on elsewhere while the history of the Bible was being enacted.

6. It traces the progress of religious knowledge, and of the revelation by which it was made known, and the state of social and spiritual life at different periods, partly in other nations, but especially among the Israelites.

7. It fills up the interval between the Old Testament and the New, so as to throw light on the great changes that had occurred between the time of Malachi and the appearance of our Lord.

It is generally acknowledged that in these days of diligent learning and competitive examinations, Bible knowledge is not so much attended to as it ought to be. The present work is intended to aid in remedying that defect. In an elementary book on the subject, entitled "Outline of Bible History and Geography," the bare facts will be found in a convenient and compendious form; in this treatise the facts form the groundwork, but it has been attempted to bring flesh and skin over them, and turn the whole into a continuous and lively narrative.

We hope that many of our Bible Classes and Young Peoples' Societies will be attracted by this course. Medals, prizes and diplomas are granted, without restriction as to age, to all who come up to the required standard in the grade to which they severally belong. By a special arrangement the text-book is offered at the very low price of eighty-one cents, less than two-thirds of the ordinary retail price. The following is the course as laid down in the Syllabus for copies of which and all information regarding the examinations write to **Rev. W. Farquharson, Claude, Ont.**, Vice-Convenor for Higher Religious Instruction.

DEPARTMENT III.—HISTORICAL.

All Grades.—Bible History from the Creation to the Death of Moses. Text-book "A Manual of Bible History," by Rev. William G. Blaikie, D. D., LL. D. Pages 1-163. By special arrangement with the publishers, the text-book can be obtained for *eighty-one cents* if ordered through the convenor, or vice-convenor, or if the money is remitted direct to the publishers—The Copp, Clark Co., Ltd., Toronto.

The course in this subject will extend over four years:

1897—Bible History from the death of Moses to that of Solomon. Text-book, pages 164-266.

1898—Bible History from the death of Solomon to Malachi. Text-book, pages 267-381.

1899—Bible History from Malachi to the destruction of Jerusalem. Text-book, pages 382-495.