

their Committee "take measures for the preparation and publication in the *Record of Notes on the Lessons for the aid of Teachers,*" it will be the duty of the Committee to see that such notes are prepared by our own ministers or laymen; or, in event of our own supplies failing, to make such selection of notes from other quarters as shall fill the gap for the time being.

T. DUNCAN, *Convener.*

#### CIRCULAR.

The undersigned are directed by the Committee on "Uniform Bible Lessons," appointed by the late Sunday school Convention at Indianapolis, to make known to the religious publishing houses of the several denominations, and to Sunday school societies, the following decisions thus far reached:—

1. In accordance with the terms of our appointment, the Lessons will be selected from the Old and New Testaments, alternating between them each year.

2. While we are not allowed to extend the proposed course through more than seven years, we doubt whether it can be brought within less than that time.

3. We have decided to begin with the book of Genesis, and, in studying the Old Testament, to make the general order of progression chronological.

4. We deem it important to spend some portion of each year in studying the character and work of Christ. We propose, therefore, to devote half the first year to His Life, as recorded by St. Matthew.

5. During the second year, similar studies will be suggested in St. Mark, and after that in St. Luke and in St. John, in each instance seeking to gain whatever peculiarity of view or design the writer may have had.

6. At a later period we may enter more or less minutely upon our Lord's Words and Works as recorded by these Evangelists, and give special attention to His closing Ministry and Death.

7. As early as practicable we will introduce Lessons on the labours of the Apostles, on the planting of the Church,

and the doctrines of the New Testament as given in the Acts and the Epistles.

8. For the first two years the general plan proposed will be as follows, viz:—

#### FIRST YEAR.

Three months.....Genesis.  
Six months.....St. Matthew.  
Three months.....Genesis.

#### SECOND YEAR.

Thres months.... St. Mark.  
Three months.....Acts.  
Six months.....Moses and Israel.

9. It is decided to present twelve lessons for each quarter, leaving the last Sunday of the quarter for a Review, a Selected Lesson, or the Missionary Concert.

With this general outline of what is proposed, we beg leave to submit the details of the plan for six months of 1873:

#### FIRST QUARTER OF 1873.

1. The Creation.....Gen. i, 1, 26-31.
2. In Eden... ..Gen. ii, 15-25.
3. The Fall and the Promise...Gen. iii, 1-8, 15.
4. Cain and Abel.....Gen. iv, 2-10.
5. Noah and the Ark.....Gen. vi, 13-18.
6. The Bow in the Cloud...Gen. ix, 8-17.
7. Confusion of Tongues...Gen. xi, 1-9.
8. The Covenant with AbramGen. xv, 1-7.
9. Escape from Sodom... ..Gen. xix, 15-20.
10. Trial of Abraham's Faith...Gen. xxii, 7-14.
11. Jacob and Esau.....Gen. xxvii, 30-40
12. Jacob at Bethel.....Gen. xxvii, 10-22

#### SECOND QUARTER OF 1873.

1. The Child Jesus.....Matt. ii, 1-10.
2. The Flight into Egypt...Matt. ii, 13-23.
3. The Baptism of Jesus... ..Matt. iii, 13-17.
4. The Temptation of Jesus...Matt. iv, 1-11.
5. The Ministry of Jesus...Matt. iv, 17-25.
6. The Beatitudes.....Matt. v. 1-12.
7. Teaching to Pray.....Matt. vi, 5-15.
8. The two Foundations...Matt. vii, 21-29.
9. Power to Forgive Sins...Matt. ix, 1-8.
10. The Twelve Called....Matt. x, 1-15.
11. Jesus and John.....Matt. xi, 1-11.
12. The Gracious Call.....Matt. xi, 25-30.

In the course of a few weeks the Committee will meet again, when the Lessons will be selected for the remainder of 1873 and for 1874. Respectfully submitted,

For the Committee, { J. H. VINCENT,  
WARREN RANDOLPH,  
JOHN HALL.  
New York, May 30, 1872.

At the recent great Sunday school Convention held at Indianapolis, a step was taken which will exercise a vast influence for good over the Sunday schools of America. In this step the Convention