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In an article in this number, Rev. R. G. MacBeth describes the results of introducing the responsive reading of the scriptures as a feature in the Sabbath services in his congregation. Why may not equally good results be expected from the same practice in the Sabbath School? For this year, a "Special Scripture Reading" will be given in the *TEACHERS MONTHLY*, in connection with each Lesson, "to be read responsively or in concert by the whole School." Look for it just after the Lesson Hymns.

## The Memorizing of Scripture

### A NEW PLAN

It is now possible for a scholar to win the Certificates and Diplomas given by the General Assembly's Sabbath School Committee for the Memorizing of Scripture, by simply keeping up the Memory Verses of the Supplemental Lessons from year to year, instead of reciting the usual Memory Verses attached to the Lesson each Sabbath.

For example, the little tots of the Beginners' Grade between 4 and 6, get the pretty little Certificate in colors for saying, The Good Shepherd (Psalm 23), The Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6 : 9-13), The Words of Blessing (Matt. 5 : 1-12), and The Lambs of the Flock (Matt. 10 : 13-16). Those from 6 to 11, by learning the 100 verses of List II. of the Scripture Memory Passages, receive a beautiful Certificate in colors and suitable for framing. They have five years to do it in, the only condition being that either the whole 100 verses be recited accurately at once, or 50 at a time.

For the handsome large Diploma in colors, the 200 verses of one of the Years of List III.

are required (the verses of the other two Years of the same list, bringing a Red Seal and a Golden Seal, respectively). The verses of "List III., First Year", are now assigned in the Supplemental Lessons to the three years of the Intermediate Department, and the first year of the Senior Department, that is, for scholars of from 11 to 15 years of age.

No scholar can possibly say that the work in any of these courses is too hard, and it is so plainly laid out in the Supplemental Leaflets (6c. a doz.), which are now issued for Primary, Junior, First Year Intermediate, and Second Year Intermediate, that the material is in a handy form both for teachers and scholars. The Supplemental Leaflets, it may be said, contain, in addition, a very thorough drill in Bible work.

We trust to see a revival of this most important work of memorizing Scripture.

## Ordered Lives

By Rev. J. M. Duncan, B.D.

Only the other week, astronomers were watching eagerly the transit of the planet Mercury across the sun. On the basis of calculations made beforehand, the precise moment was predicted when the planet would pass a given point. The predicted time varied from the actual time by but a single second.

This accuracy of prediction was possible because the physical universe is governed by laws. There is no such thing as chance in nature. Wherever science goes, it brings back proofs that a directing and controlling Mind has been carrying out its wise and far-reaching designs. As our knowledge of the world about us grows, the conviction is