

REGULATIONS.

1. Examinations will be held at as many places in each Presbytery as the convenience of candidates may require; in every Sabbath-School if desired. Presiding examiners will be appointed to make the necessary local arrangements and superintend the examination.

2. Examinations will be held simultaneously on the day and at the hour named for each paper.

3. Question papers will be sent to any minister, Sabbath-School superintendent, teacher or other responsible person who may apply to the vice-convenor for them before January 15th, 1896. In the requisition the candidates must be classified according to the grades (Junior, Intermediate or Senior) of the departments in which they wish to be examined. (See Regulation 5.) It is not necessary to send names, as the coupon returned after the examination will contain all the particulars required for enrollment. The applicant will be held responsible for the proper observance of all regulations, and must either, if not a candidate, act as presiding examiner, or suggest the name of some trustworthy person, whose consent has been obtained, for appointment to that duty. Question papers cannot be issued to any candidates whose names do not reach the vice-convenor before January 15th, as after that date parcels will be made up for Presiding Examiners.

4. Candidates may enter in any of the prescribed departments, but are recommended to limit themselves to one, or at most two. When the same work is prescribed for successive, or subsequent years, as in the doctrinal and historical departments, no second diploma, prize or medal will be given for it to anyone, nor will a medallist be eligible for a prize. Successful candidates of a previous year are not excluded from entering, but *if the work is the same as that on which they were formerly examined they must take a higher standing, i. e. the holder of a diploma must obtain at least 75 per cent. on the second occasion, and one who has taken a prize, at least 90 per cent. in order to receive recognition.*

5. Candidates between ten and 15 years of age will rank as Junior; those aged fifteen and under twenty as Intermediate; and those twenty years of age and older as Senior. Ages to be reckoned as on January 25th, 1896.

6. Candidates obtaining 90 per cent. of the full marks in any department will be entitled to a silver medal; those obtaining 75 per cent., but less than 90 per cent., will be entitled to a book prize; and all candidates who obtain 50 per cent. will be entitled to a diploma.

7. The value of each paper will be 200, and two hours will be allowed for writing the answers.

8. One question paper for the whole church will be set on each subject, and copies forwarded, under sealed covers, to the Presiding Examiners. The covers shall not be removed till the candidates are assembled, and the written answers shall be covered and sealed for transmission to the convenor, before the candidates leave the place of examination. The packages must be posted thereafter without delay.

9. A Quarterly Examination on the S. S. Lessons (Department I.) will be substituted for the Annual whenever a special request is made to that effect, but application must be made on or before January 31st, in each year, stating the probable number of question papers that will be required each quarter. The foregoing regulations will be observed as far as applicable, and awards will be made on the aggregate marks of the four quarterly examinations.

DEPARTMENT IV.—ESSAY.

Theme for all Grades.—“The Life of Christ.”

Essays must be sent in not later than January 25th, 1896. Each essay must bear a motto written at the top of the first page, and the writer's name must on no account appear. It must be written on foolscap paper, and the sheets must be securely fastened together. Each essay must be the composition and in the hand-writing of the candidate. A list of books consulted in the preparation of the essay must be given at the beginning of the manuscript, and quotations must be carefully marked. The writer's name, address, congregation, age on January 25th, 1896, and motto, must be written upon a slip of paper and enclosed with the essay to the Rev. W. Farquharson, B. A., Claude, Ont. Medals, prizes and diplomas will be given to essayists as in the examinations.

No essay in the Junior or Intermediate grades shall exceed 5,000 words, nor in the Senior 10,000 words in length.

The following *Instructions to Examiners of Essays* are published for the information of Candidates.

1. The merits of each essay to be estimated more by the excellence of its matter than its literary form.