

tion. There were 172 of these in all, aged from 12 to 17, average age nearly 15. The questions were also answered in two of the schools by the pupils of Form IV., the highest, comprising pupils who have passed the Junior Leaving or the Junior Matriculation Examination, aged 16 years and upwards. There were 13 in these two classes. I also sent the questions to a former pupil, now a teacher in a denominational academy in Indiana, and by the kindness of the staff there they were used as a test to all the students of the school, though the papers of only 14 of the lowest or Preparatory Form pupils were sent to me, as these were all I wanted for my purpose. I received the written answers from the other schools also, so that I had in all 199 sets of answers from young people aged from 12 to over 20, hailing from city, town, and country; coming from all classes in the community, from every leading Protestant denomination. All these in Ontario at least have received a good Public School education; a number have been for four or five years in the High School; nearly all have attended Sunday School with greater or less regularity for from five to a dozen years; nearly all come from professedly Christian homes.

And what is the result of a careful scrutiny of the answers? Not one of the 199 answers the twenty questions with absolute correctness; not one answers nineteen. One, a pupil of the Indiana Institute, aged 18, answers eighteen quite correctly and the other two very nearly so. He wrote "Methuslah," and said he lived only 960 years. No paper had seventeen or sixteen answers just right, while three had fifteen; one from the city school and one each from the peninsular schools; and the eastern school came not far be-

hind, one of the papers having fourteen. No paper had thirteen correct answers; 6 had 12; 5 had 11; 5 had 10; 3 had 9; 5 had 8; and 2 had 7. When we get down to half a dozen we reach a more popular standard, for 20 had 6 right; 20 had 5; 13 had 4; 32 had 3; 25 had 2; 34 had only 1; and 24 out of the 199, over 12 per cent., had not a correct answer at all.

Answers that were not precisely right, being misspelled or incomplete, but which showed some knowledge, however remote or inaccurate, of the subject dealt with, were marked as approximately correct. One paper had twelve answers so marked; 1 had 10; 5 had 9; 9 had 8; 15 had 7; 34 had 6; 35 had 5; 32 had 4; 36 had 3; 14 had 2; and 17 had 1.

Combining the answers quite correct and those approximately correct one pupil answered 20 questions; one answered 19; 3, 18; 6, 17; 2, 16; 7, 15; 5, 14; 9, 13; 8, 12; 15, 11; 18, 10; 20, 9; 16, 8; 18, 7; 16, 6; 20, 5; 14, 4; 8, 3; 10, 2; and 2, 1.

Pupils of the Indiana School, whose papers were not sent me, gave answers of the following value, as reported by my friend there: Those who entered this year, age from 19 to 23, average about 20 (too old for the comparative test), made an average mark of 57 per cent. Students who were there before from a term to a year, age from 18 to 26, average about 23, made over 78 per cent. One student of 25, who entered this term, made 100 per cent., five made from 90 to 98 per cent., and five made from 80 to 89 per cent. Some of these are taking Bible studies in the Institute, but none have completed the course.

Following is a tabulated statement of the results obtained from the papers examined by myself: