

Our Contributors.

ALWAYS SOMEBODY TO HELP.

BY KNOXONIAN.

A devoted wife and mother was once coming near the end of life's journey. A friend conversed with her about the future of the children should they be left motherless. The hard question came up, "Who will care for the little ones when mother is gone?" The dying woman hopefully whispered.

THESE WILL ALWAYS BE SOMEBODY.

And so there is. There is always somebody to help when help is really needed. The experience of all good people is that help comes when we cannot do without it. It may not come from the direction we expected nor in the manner we expected but it comes from some direction and in some manner. Your best friend may be and often is a man that you did not know ten years ago. What difference? God raised him up to help you and that is the main thing.

We have said that there will always be somebody to help when help is really needed. Perhaps some proud, self-contained, stand-off kind of reader may be ready to say:

I NEVER WANT HELP FROM ANYBODY.

You don't, eh! Are you quite sure that you can go through the world in that style? Some day your business may get entangled and you may need the help of your business friends to keep you from going to the wall. Thousands of stronger men than you have talked in that top-lofty, lordly style and before long were obliged to ask help of some of their friends. This is a rather uncertain kind of world at best. The ups and downs in a new country like ours are somewhat frequent. Things are so changeable that swaggering about one's independence is a risky kind of exercise and truth to say, it is not a lovely kind of exercise even if it were safe. Any man may need help of some kind on any day. We have heard more than one business man say that he was kept from sinking in a crisis simply by business friends and associates dropping in and speaking kindly and encouraging words. Kind words, cheery, hopeful, encouraging words are good things at any time but they are worth gold to a man who is on the down grade. If you expect people to speak encouraging words to you when you are pushed against the wall go you and speak kindly words to your neighbour when he is against the wall.

Perhaps some reader thinks he is so fixed that neither financial depression nor business disaster of any kind can reach him. We don't know anybody in that happy position but no doubt some think they are. Well, sickness can enter a home no matter how secure it may seem financially, and sickness is not long there until help is needed. There comes an hour during long-continued illness when relations and neighbours must assist. Constant watching and working, with little sleep and rest, soon wear out the strongest constitution. No man is independent when long-continued fatal disease is in his household. The hands that help and the hearts that plan are needed when death is doing his work. Happy are those who in this emergency know that "there is always somebody to help."

It is barely possible that some peculiarly constructed man may say he is independent should even sickness and death come. Well, supposing a man could nurse himself during his last illness, which by the way is somewhat doubtful, and supposing he could put on his own shroud and attend to other final matters of that kind, which would certainly be rather difficult, one thing is reasonably certain, he cannot bury himself. Most men would like to have a large, well-conducted funeral and that, at least, must be done by the neighbours. Most men would like the neighbours to deal kindly with the family after a member of it is gone. Well, then, after all there are things that the neighbours must do, and be it remembered these are among the most tender things that are ever done for us. A neighbour's hand often moistens the parched lips and wipes the death sweat from the brow; a neighbour's hand usually closes the eyes for the last time; neighbours often stay by the death-bed when even mothers can watch the struggle no longer; neighbours' hands will let each of us gently down to our last resting-place. If neighbours do all these things for us then should not we be good neighbours? If "there is always somebody to help" should not we always be ready to help somebody?

A man was once walking around in a very bad humour after a long attack of illness. He scolded one of his neighbours and declared that he had been six weeks in the house with typhoid fever and no one had looked near him. "There was a good deal of typhoid in the neighbourhood before you got sick," quietly observed the neighbour. "Yes," said the invalid, "the town was full of it." "Did you go near any of your neighbours when they had it?" asked the neighbour. "No," was the answer. "And why did you expect them to come near you?"

MORAL.—If you hope that there will always be somebody to help you in your hour of need then you help your neighbours in their time of need.

BISHOP MACLAGAN has no fear of the school-board system, and although he does not deem it the best, he admits that it has introduced a great deal of brightness where before there was nothing but darkness. He adds that the Church has quite as little to fear from free education.

HIGHER RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

NOTICE TO ESSAYISTS.

MR. EDITOR,—Allow me to request essayists to write on the outside of the sealed envelope sent to me, in addition to their motto, their age or class (junior, intermediate or senior). If this is not done it will be necessary for me to open the envelope in order to find it out. The examiner of essays must know it in order to deal fairly with the composition. Yours sincerely, T. F. FOTHERINGHAM, Convener.

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In another note Mr. Fotheringham says: I also send blank sample of question paper. The latter will perhaps enable some to understand instructions more clearly. Form E is the coupon referred to in Instructions to Presiding Examiners and candidates.

LOCAL CENTRES AND PRESIDING EXAMINERS.

The following is a list of the presiding examiners, as far as received, with the number of candidates who are assigned to each, classified. Some candidates take more than one department, and are therefore counted more than once. The names of Presbyteries are in italics.

Barrie.—Four centres. Presiding examiners not yet appointed. 1.—Gravenhurst, senior doctrinal, 1. 2.—Sudbury, junior doctrinal, 5. 3.—Stayner, junior biblical, 8; senior biblical, 1. 4.—Churchill, intermediate biblical, 3; senior biblical, 9; intermediate doctrinal, 3; senior doctrinal, 9. Total, 38.

Brockville.—1.—Rev. A. Macgillivray, Brockville. Junior biblical, 3; junior doctrinal, 7; junior historical, 3. 2.—Rev. D. Y. Ross, M.A., Westport, Ont.—junior biblical, 4; intermediate biblical, 1; senior biblical, 1; junior doctrinal, 7; senior doctrinal, 1; intermediate history, 1. Total, 28.

Bruce.—1.—Rev. James Gourlay, M.A., Port Elgin, Ont. Intermediate biblical, 1; senior biblical, 1; intermediate doctrinal, 1; senior doctrinal, 2. Total, 5. 2.—Rev. D. Duff, Malcolm, Ont. Junior doctrinal, 2.

Glengarry.—1.—Rev. D. MacLaren, B.A., Alexandria, Ont. Junior doctrinal, 5. 2.—Rev. John McKenzie, Moose Creek, Ont. Intermediate biblical, 1; senior biblical, 1; junior doctrinal, 5; intermediate doctrinal, 1; senior, 1. Total, 9.

Guelph.—Presiding examiners not yet appointed. 1.—Fergus. Senior biblical, 1; junior doctrinal, 12; intermediate doctrinal, 5; senior doctrinal, 2; junior historical, 2; intermediate historical, 3; senior historical, 2. Total, 27. 2.—Galt. Junior biblical, 10; intermediate biblical, 2; senior biblical, 1. Total, 13. 3.—Guelph. Junior biblical, 2; junior doctrinal, 4; intermediate historical, 1. Total, 7.

Halifax.—1.—Mr. Sherburne Waddell, Halifax, N. S. Junior biblical, 5; intermediate biblical, 7. 2.—Rev. A. B. Dickie, Milford, N. S. Junior doctrinal, 2. Total, 14.

Kingston.—1.—Rev. S. Houston, M.A., Kingston, Ont. Junior biblical, 7; junior doctrinal, 4; intermediate doctrinal, 5; junior historical, 7; intermediate historical, 3. 2.—Rev. D. Wishart, Madoc, Ont. Junior biblical, 9; intermediate biblical, 2; senior biblical, 1.

Lanark and Renfrew.—1.—Rev. R. Campbell, D.Sc., Renfrew, Ont. Junior biblical, 6; intermediate biblical, 9; junior doctrinal, 14; intermediate doctrinal, 7; senior doctrinal, 1. 2.—Rev. D. McDonald, M.A., Carleton Place, Ont. Junior biblical, 12; senior doctrinal, 1. 3.—Rev. Thomas Nixon, Smith's Falls, Ont. Junior biblical, 1; intermediate biblical, 3; senior biblical, 2; junior doctrinal, 2; intermediate doctrinal, 4; junior historical, 2; senior historical, 3. 4.—Rev. James Ross, B.D., Perth, Ont. Junior biblical, 3; junior doctrinal, 1; intermediate doctrinal, 5; senior doctrinal, 1. 5.—Rev. N. Campbell, B.A., Oliver's Ferry, Ont. Intermediate biblical, 1; senior biblical, 2; intermediate historical, 2. Total, 82.

London.—1.—Rev. James Ballantyne, London, Ont. Junior biblical, 4; intermediate biblical, 3. Total, 7.

Montreal.—1.—Rev. Hugh McLean, La Guerre, Que. Junior biblical, 4; intermediate biblical, 4; senior biblical, 1. Total, 9.

Ottawa.—1.—Rev. W. D. Armstrong, Ph.D., Ottawa, Ont. Junior biblical, 30; intermediate biblical, 19; senior biblical, 4; junior doctrinal, 15; intermediate doctrinal, 7; senior doctrinal, 3. 2.—Rev. George Dempster, Chelsea, Que. Junior biblical, 5; intermediate biblical, 2; senior biblical, 2; junior doctrinal, 3; intermediate doctrinal, 2; senior doctrinal, 2; junior historical, 1. Total, 95.

Peterborough.—1.—Rev. John McEwen, Lakefield, Ont. Junior biblical, 9; intermediate biblical, 8; senior biblical, 5; junior doctrinal, 5; intermediate doctrinal, 2; junior historical, 3; intermediate historical, 6; senior historical, 5. 2.—Rev. D. A. Thompson, Hastings, Ont. Junior biblical, 7; intermediate biblical, 3; junior doctrinal, 7; intermediate doctrinal, 3. Total, 63. 3.—Rev. John Hay, B.D., Cobourg, Ont. Junior biblical, 22; intermediate biblical, 2; junior doctrinal, 22; intermediate doctrinal, 2. Total, 48.

Pictou.—1.—Mr. Donald McDonald, Pictou, N. S. Junior biblical, 7; intermediate biblical, 1; senior biblical, 1; intermediate doctrinal, 1; senior doctrinal, 1; senior historical, 1. 2.—Rev. J. A. Cairns, Scotsburn, N. S. Junior biblical, 13; senior biblical, 1; intermediate doctrinal, 3; senior doctrinal, 11. 3.—Rev. A. W. McLeod, Ph.D., Thorburn, N. S. Intermediate biblical, 1. Total, 41.

Prince Edward Island.—1.—Rev. W. H. Spencer, B.A., Montague, P. E. I. Senior biblical, 1.

Quebec.—1.—Rev. Donald Tait, B.A., Quebec, Que. Junior biblical, 6; intermediate biblical, 4. 2.—Rev. John McCarter, Grand Metis, Que. Junior biblical, 1; intermediate biblical, 1; junior doctrinal, 1; intermediate doctrinal, 3. 3.—Rev. James Sutherland, Inverness, Quebec. Junior biblical, 3; intermediate biblical, 3; senior biblical, 2; junior doctrinal, 3; intermediate doctrinal, 2; intermediate historical, 1.—Rev. Arch. Lee, B.A., Sherbrooke, Que. Junior biblical, 4. Total, 34.

Rock Lake.—1.—Rev. Neil McKay, Alcester, Man. Intermediate biblical, 4; senior biblical, 8. Total, 12.

Stratford.—1.—Rev. W. M. McKibbin, M.A., Millbank, Ont. Junior doctrinal, 2.

Toronto.—Presiding examiners not yet appointed. 1.—St. Andrew's West. Junior biblical, 4; intermediate doctrinal, 1. 2.—St. Mark's. Junior biblical, 7; senior doctrinal, 3; senior historical, 1. 3.—Central Church. Junior biblical, 4; intermediate biblical, 2; junior doctrinal, 5; intermediate

doctrinal, 5; junior historical, 2; intermediate historical, 2. 4.—Cooke's Church. Junior biblical, 9; senior biblical, 3. 5.—Charles Street Church. Junior biblical, 2; intermediate biblical, 1; junior doctrinal, 16; intermediate doctrinal, 2; intermediate historical, 2. 6.—Bloor Street Church. Junior biblical, 11; intermediate biblical, 1; junior doctrinal, 21; intermediate doctrinal, 1; junior historical, 1. Total, 115.

Truro.—1.—Rev. D. S. Fraser, Up. Stewiacke, N.S. Junior biblical, 2; intermediate biblical, 2; senior biblical, 1; senior doctrinal, 1. 2.—Principal Calkin, Truro, N. S. Junior doctrinal, 1; intermediate doctrinal, 2. 3.—Rev. John A. Logan, Acadia Mines, N. S. Junior biblical, 11; intermediate biblical, 1; senior biblical, 1; intermediate doctrinal, 4; senior doctrinal, 1; senior historical, 1. Total, 37.

Wallace.—1.—Mr. T. Semple, River John, N. S. Junior doctrinal, 2; intermediate doctrinal, 4; senior historical, 2. Total, 8.

Whitby.—Rev. J. A. McKeen, M.A., Orono, Ont. Senior biblical, 3; junior doctrinal, 1; intermediate doctrinal, 2; senior doctrinal, 1. 2.—Rev. L. Perrin, B.A., Pickering, Ont. Junior biblical, 11. 3.—Rev. A. MacLaren, Enniskillen, Ont. Junior biblical, 1. 4.—Rev. A. H. Kippan, Claremont, Ont. Intermediate historical, 3. Total, 22.

TOTAL NUMBER ENROLLED, FEB. 5, 1890.

BIBLICAL DEPARTMENT.—Junior, 138; intermediate, 73; senior, 41. Total, 252.

DOCTRINAL DEPARTMENT.—Junior, 68; intermediate, 48; senior, 31. Total, 147.

HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT.—Junior, 9; intermediate, 12; senior, 11. Total, 32.

Grand total, 421. Number of individuals enrolled, 367.

It is the duty of Presbytery Conveners to notify candidates of the name of the presiding examiner and the place in which the examination is to be held.

Presiding examiners will see that a room is provided, with convenient desks or tables, and a supply of pens, ink and foolscap paper. Any expense connected with this must be met from local funds. They will be furnished with addressed envelopes for mailing the answers to the several sub-examiners.

Each sub-examiner will receive a list of the local centres from which he may expect answers, and the numbers on the question papers sent to each.

Presbytery Conveners who have not yet sent in their list of candidates will please do so at once. No question papers can be sent to a Presbytery until the names of the presiding examiners are known to the Convener.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES.

1.—Candidates must be in the examination room ten minutes before the hour of examination.

2.—No books or notes of any kind are to be taken into the examination room.

3.—A numbered question paper with coupon attached will be given to each candidate, and each question is to be answered on a separate sheet of paper.

4.—Write distinctly, across the top of each sheet of answers, the number on your question paper and coupon, the class in which you rank (*i.e.* junior, intermediate or senior) and the number of the question answered upon the sheet as shown below:

No.... Junior (Int. or Senior) Class, Answer No.....

5.—Detach the coupon from the question paper, after filling it up carefully and legibly, hand it to the presiding examiner with your answers. Do not leave the room until the presiding examiner has ascertained whether your papers are correctly marked or not.

6.—Do not write your name, or any mark by which your name may be discovered, upon the sheets containing your answers.

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DEPARTMENT II.—DOCTRINAL—SENIOR.

Text book, "The Shorter Catechism," by Alex. Whyte, D.D., pp 1-100.

Chief Examiner: REV. PRINCIPAL KING, D.D.

EXAMINATION, MARCH 7, 1890, 2-4 O'CLOCK, P.M.

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(This is the coupon referred to in instructions.)

FORM E.

Name.....Age.....

(Give Christian name, or names, in full.)

P. O. Address.....

Class.....

(Junior, Intermediate or Senior.)

Department.....

Date.....

WILLIAM GOODERHAM AND JOHN MACDONALD.

MR. EDITOR,—It is the duty of all of us to honour the memory of such men as I mention in every way we can, as well because they were the benefactors of the world, the workers of good deeds, bright examples for the living, worthy followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, their Master, and ornaments to human nature. As the Scriptures say, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, and all their works do follow them." It is my pleasure to have known Mr. Macdonald from his first start in business in a small dry-goods store on the corner of Richmond and Yonge streets nearly forty years ago, and soon after that period his name was on the tongue of every good person.

Mr. Gooderham I knew less of. The life of Mr. Macdonald I have followed closely in observation.