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Examinations on the Inductive Study of the Bible.

Many Bible students will be glad to learn that arrangements have been going on for some time for having a series of written examinations on Bible topics. It was contemplated at first to have these in connection with the American Institute of Biblical Study, which, for some time, has conducted such examinations, and which we believe a large number of persons in the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches have, to a considerable extent, adopted. It was felt, however, that it would be much better to have these examinations conducted upon an entirely Canadian plan.

We have no narrow jealousy of any international study of the Bible or of general literature as carried out by our Chautauqua and Sunday-school system, but it was felt that our people rally more enthusiastically and patriotically around examinations conducted in one of our own intellectual centres. Such a centre is the new Victoria, so successfully inaugurated in Toronto. The learned Chancellor, Dr. Burwash, has kindly consented to prepare examination papers on the Book of Acts and the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah, which will form the topics of Sunday-school study for the latter part of this year and the beginning of next. These written examinations for the city of Toronto will take place on two evenings in the latter part of April, at Victoria College. Two papers, requiring about two hours each, will be prepared.

LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

In order to make the advantage of these examinations as widespread as possible, it is arranged that local examinations be held wherever a number of persons desire to take up the systematic and inductive study of the

Books of Acts, Ezra, and Nehemiah. It is hoped that the ministers in charge or Sunday-school superintendents will kindly act as examiners, to whom papers will be sent in sealed packets; examinations to be held simultaneously throughout the country. If pastors or superintendents can undertake to give aid in the study of these books in the way of weekly Bible classes, it will be, we are sure, of great advantage to both teacher and taught.

Rev. A. M. Phillips, B.D., who has given special attention to the promotion of Bible study, has consented to act as secretary and treasurer, to whom applications shall be made for enrolment in the plan for examination, and to whom the fee of twenty-five cents, for examination papers, cost of postage, and the like, should be sent. We hope that Sunday-school teachers, superintendents, and senior scholars will take note of this fact, and write to Rev. A. M. Phillips, 29 Laclid Ave., Toronto, for information, and at once enter upon the course of study. For each examination a certificate will be issued, and after a three or four years' course of study, a handsome diploma will be presented. We hope that very many of our readers will endeavor to procure such certificates and diploma. They will be an evidence of thorough and systematic Bible study under the inspiration of a definite, prescribed course, and in association with a large number of earnest students engaged in the same work. We predict great advantage to our Sunday-schools and to the whole Church from the general adoption of this course of study.

Chief among the text books recommended are the Cambridge Bible Text Book on Acts, advanced series, price \$1.35; smaller series, price 35 cents; and Dr. Burwash's *Notes on Acts*, in recent numbers of the *Methodist Quarterly*, price 50 cents.

Archdeacon Farrar's "Life of St. Paul" will also be helpful, price \$2.25. This may be procured in a very cheap edition, bound with his noble "Life of Christ," for \$1.50.