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OUR OWN GRADED LESSONS

It is with especial pleasure that we announce a SERIES OF GRADED LESSONS OF OUR OWN, to begin with January, 1915.

The demand for such a series has been growing year by year, as our Sabbath Schools have experimented with the Graded Lessons already in the field. Why not a series issued by our OWN PUBLICATIONS, and for which the church would stand voucher? The call has come from many Schools all over the Dominion, and from a number of Presbyteries.

The PUBLICATIONS have all along sympathized with the demand, and have been planning as earnestly as possible how to meet it satisfactorily.

There were many difficulties in the way, the chiefest being two in number: First, the enormous original cost of providing the material required for a Graded Course; and Second, the fact that the International Graded Lessons, as they stood, were not entirely what our Schools wished for: they were too complicated for many Schools, and the Biblical and evangelical elements were not always sufficiently in evidence.

These difficulties have now been overcome, and we are preparing to issue, beginning with the New Year, and in addition to our present Lesson Helps for the Uniform Lessons, a *revision* of the International Graded Course. The Lessons will be Biblical, their treatment thoroughly in harmony with the teachings of our own church; and they will be issued in Quarterlies and Leaflets, instead of in books, and will thus be just as easily handled by the ordinary Sunday School as are our present QUARTERLIES and LEAFLETS of the Uniform Lessons.

We shall begin, then, at the New Year, in Leaflet and Quarterly form, the first year in in each of the following departments:

THE BEGINNERS DEPARTMENT: *For the Scholar*: a two-page Leaflet on each Lesson; *For the Teacher*: a sixty-four page Quarterly. There will also be a sixteen-page booklet of suggestions, etc., for the teacher.

THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: *For the Scholar*: a larger two-page Leaflet; *For the Teacher*: a fifty-six page Quarterly. Also Picture Roll for the Class, and explanatory booklet for the teacher.

THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT: *For the Scholar*: a study and work book (quarterly); *For the Teacher*: a forty-eight page Quarterly.

This will form a very complete and convenient equipment for the Departments mentioned, and will be followed next year by the second year's Lessons in each Department; and so on till all the years have been completed.

It is expected that a similar equipment for the Intermediate and Senior Departments will follow a little later. But, meanwhile, we are arranging to offer, for these two important Departments, the Graded material provided by our sister Presbyterian Board in Philadelphia, they having had the Intermediate and Senior Graded Material of the International Graded Course entirely re-written on the lines mentioned above. It is, as the new periodical graded material will be, thoroughly Biblical and evangelical, and comes from the pens of able writers in sympathy with Presbyterian thought and church life.