

The Lessons of the Second Quarter, 1896.

To the Scholar.—Study the lesson carefully, turning up all the marginal references, and reviewing the "Daily Portions." Then close your Bible and answer in writing the questions on the lesson without accepting aid from any quarter after you have begun to write. If you cannot come to Sabbath school, fill out one of the "Excuses for Absence" and send it, with your written answers, to your teacher by some friend, or by mail, and you will receive credit for the work done as if you had been present. If your excuse is satisfactory, you will not lose in record of attendance.

HIGHER RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

The examinations for 1896 will be held as follows: 1st Quarterly on April 4th; 2nd Quarterly on June 27th; 3rd Quarterly on October 3rd; and 4th Quarterly, at the same time as the Annual, January 30th, 1897.

Those wishing to take up the Quarterly examination should send in their names at once to Rev. W. Farquharson, Claude, Ont.

Candidates between ten and fifteen 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 30th, 1897.

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.

Date of Annual Examination for all Departments, January 30th, 1897.

EACH DEPARTMENT IS INDEPENDENT OF ALL THE OTHERS.

DEPARTMENT I.—BIBLICAL.

All Grades.—International S. S. Lessons for 1896. *Additional for Senior.*—A paper on "The Life of David," by Rev. Peter Thomson, M. A. (Price 25 cents).

Diplomas, but not prizes or medals, will be given to all those, of any grade, who pass the examination on "The Life of David" only, without taking that on the S. S. Lessons. This is designed to meet the wishes of Bible Classes and Christian Endeavor Societies which wish to make a special study of this Hand-Book.

DEPARTMENT II.—DOCTRINAL.

All Grades.—"The Shorter Catechism," by Prof. Salmond, D. D. Part II., Section I, (Quest. 39-81). (Price 25 cents, 3 vols. in one, 45 cents).

All Junior and Intermediate candidates who shall be certified by their Pastors or Superintendents as having answered correctly every question in the Shorter Catechism at one recitation, will receive a Diploma.

DEPARTMENT III.—HISTORICAL.

All Grades.—Bible History from the Creation to the end of Solomon's reign. The principal Text-Book for this subject will be the Bible itself, but the following is recommended for study: "A Manual of Bible History," by Rev. W. G. Blaikie, D. D., L. L. D. (Pages 1-266). Price \$1.25.

DEPARTMENT IV.—ESSAY.

Theme for all Grades.—"Solomon and his Times."

Essays must be sent in not later than January 30th, 1897. 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 30th, 1897, 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.

All communications referring to the *Syllabus* and *Examinations* (including *Teachers'*) should be addressed to Rev. W. Farquharson, B. A., Claude, Ont., Vice-Convenor, in charge of this branch of the committee's work.