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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

EXAMINATION

SYLLABUS.



HIGHER RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

DATE OF EXAMINATION, JANUARY 25th, 1896.

Each Department is independent of all the others.

DEPARTMENT I.—BIBLICAL.

All Grades.—International S. S. Lessons for 1895. *Additional for Senior.*—A paper on "The Life of Jesus Christ," by Rev. James Stalker, M. A. (Price 50 cents.)

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

DEPARTMENT II.—DOCTRINAL.

All Grades.—"The Shorter Catechism," by Prof. Salmond, D. D. Part I, (Quest. 1-38.) (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.

Junior and Intermediate.—"The Church of Scotland," by Rev. P. M'Adam Muir. (Price 20 cents.)

Senior.—"Scottish Church History," by Rev. Norman L. Walker. (Price 50 cents.)

REGULATIONS.

1. Examinations will be held at as many places in each Presbytery as the convenience of candidates may require; in every Sabbath-School if desired. Presiding examiners will be appointed to make the necessary local arrangements and superintend the examination.

2. Examinations will be held simultaneously on the day and at the hour named for each paper.

3. Question papers will be sent to any minister, Sabbath-School superintendent, teacher or other responsible person who may apply to the vice-convener for them before January 15th, 1896. In the requisition the candidates must be classified according to the grades (Junior, Intermediate or Senior) of the departments in which they wish to be examined. (See Regulation 5.) It is not necessary to send names, as the coupon returned after the examination will contain all the particulars required for enrollment. The applicant will be held responsible for the proper observance of all regulations, and must either, if not a candidate, act as presiding examiner, or suggest the name of some trustworthy person, whose consent has been obtained, for appointment to that duty. Question papers cannot be issued to any candidates whose names do not reach the vice-convener before January 15th, as after that date parcels will be made up for Presiding Examiners.

4. Candidates may enter in any of the prescribed departments, but are recommended to limit themselves to one, or at most two. When the same work is prescribed for successive, or subsequent years, as in the doctrinal and historical departments, no *second* diploma, prize or medal will be given for it to anyone, nor will a medalist be eligible for a prize. Successful candidates of a previous year are not excluded from entering, but *if the work is the same* as that on which they were formerly examined they must take a higher standing, *i. e.* the holder of a diploma must obtain at least 75 per cent. on the second occasion, and one who has taken a prize, at least 90 per cent. in order to receive recognition.

5. Candidates between ten and 15 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 25th, 1896.

6. 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.

7. The value of each paper will be 200, and two hours will be allowed for writing the answers.

8. One question paper for the whole church will be set on each subject, and copies forwarded, under sealed covers, to the Presiding Examiners. The covers shall not be removed till the candidates are assembled, and the written answers shall be covered and sealed for transmission to the convener, before the candidates leave the place of examination. The packages must be posted thereafter without delay.

9. A Quarterly Examination on the S. S. Lessons (Department I.) will be substituted for the Annual whenever a special request is made to that effect, but application must be made on or before January 31st, in each year, stating the probable number of question papers that will be required each quarter. The foregoing regulations will be observed as far as applicable, and awards will be made on the aggregate marks of the four quarterly examinations.

DEPARTMENT IV.—ESSAY.

Theme for all Grades.—"The Life of Christ."

Essays must be sent in not later than January 25th, 1896. 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 25th, 1896, 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.

The following *Instructions to Examiners of Essays* are published for the information of Candidates.

1. The merits of each essay to be estimated more by the excellence of its matter than its literary form.

2. A fixed round number, say 200, to be taken by all the judges as representing the "full marks" due to an essay in all respects such as might be expected from a young person of the maximum prescribed age.

3. Of these marks a certain definite proportion, say three-fourths, to be given on the ground of (A) excellence of substance, and the remainder for (B) excellence of form. The marks may be apportioned as follows :—

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| A | { | I. For fullness of historical research combined with accuracy of historical statement—a maximum of 75. |
| | | II. For aptness, sagacity, originality of investigation, illustration, comment or deduction—75. |
| B | { | III. For excellence of style as regards choice of appropriate words and grammar, vigor, rhythm of sentence—25. |
| | | IV. For symmetry and proportion of the composition as a whole, indicating some feeling for literary form—25. |

DEPARTMENT V.—TEACHER-TRAINING.

The Course in this Department embraces :—

A.—A weekly study of the International Sabbath School Lessons.

B.—A supplementary course covering three years.

First year, 1895.—The principles and practice of Teaching as applied to Sabbath Schools. Text Book, "The Sabbath School Teachers' Handbook," by Thomas Morrison, M. A., LL. D., Principal of the Free Church Training School, Glasgow. (Price 70 cents.)

Second year, 1896.—Christian Evidences. Text Book, "A Primer of Christian Evidence," by R. A. Redford, Professor of Systematic Theology and Apologetics, New College, London. One of the International Sabbath School Normal Text Books. (Price 50 cents.)

Third year, 1897.—"The Bible the Sabbath School Teacher's Text Book," by Alfred Holborn, M. A. One of The International Sabbath School Normal Text Books. (Price 70 cents.)

For the prosecution of this course of study it is recommended that teachers and senior scholars form themselves into a class under the most competent leader that can be secured. The name and post office address of the leader, with 25 cents for each member, as enrollment fee, should be sent to the convener, who will send in return *The Teachers' Monthly*. This will contain brief articles on important points connected with the portion of Scripture studied, full notes on the lesson, a working outline for class use, hints to the Primary teacher, (with a blackboard sketch) and an analysis of a portion of the text book. The text book will be covered in six months. Classes may take it up during the first and fourth, or second and third quarters, if they wish.

A written examination will be held at the end of each quarter, and at the close of the year a diploma will be given to all who have obtained 50 per cent. of the total marks. The rules governing the examinations will be the same as in other departments as far as applicable. A class may begin at any time, and four quarterly examinations will count as a year.

If a text book cannot be readily obtained through a local book seller, the order (*with price enclosed*) may be sent to the convener, who will see that it is filled.

All contributions and orders for *Leaflet, Quarterly, or Teachers' Monthly*, should be addressed to Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, M. A., 107 Hazen Street, St. John, N. B., Convener.

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

All communications referring to *Statistics* should be addressed to Rev. Jas. W. Rae, Acton, Ont., Vice-Convener, in charge of Statistics.

THE PUBLICATIONS OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

THE "HOME STUDY" SERIES OF LESSON HELPS.

The **HOME STUDY LEAFLET**, a weekly lesson help for scholars, containing notes and questions on the lesson; questions from the Shorter Catechism; a doctrine to be proved from Scripture; daily Bible readings; questions to be answered in writing; a blank for "Excuse" to be filled up in case of absence; and *outline maps* whenever these are called for. This last is a new and very helpful feature. Price at the rate of \$5.00 a hundred per annum. Any quantity, large or small, may be ordered, and subscriptions are taken for one, or two quarters only, if desired. Samples sufficient to supply the whole school for one Sabbath sent *free*.

The **HOME STUDY QUARTERLY** for Senior Scholars and the Home Department, containing the Leaflets for three months arranged in a convenient order and bound together, with a Bible Dictionary for the Quarter, a Map of Palestine, and a table of the order of events in the life of Christ. The questions to be answered in writing are so arranged that the leaf containing them may be detached and handed to the teacher without mutilating the pages containing notes on the lessons. For the now popular Home Department no more convenient help could be desired. Price when ordered for a class or school, 10 cents each, per annum. Single subscription, 15 cents a year. May be ordered for one, or two quarters only. Samples sufficient to place one in the hand of each teacher sent *free*.

The **HOME STUDY TEACHERS' MONTHLY** for S. S. Teachers and Training Classes, is a handsome Magazine of 24 pages, besides cover. It contains all that is on the LEAFLET, but with a very copious and careful exposition of the lesson; a summary of its teaching with blackboard, or class slate, review; a blackboard sketch and outline for the teacher of the little ones, full of suggestions for all, by Mr. Geo. H. Archibald, one of our most successful S. S. Superintendents; an abstract of part of Dr. Morrison's Hand-book on the Art of Teaching applied to the Sabbath-School, prepared by Principal Kirkland, of the Toronto Normal School; a brief Bible Dictionary for the lessons of the month; an interesting article on some branch of the S. S. Teacher's work; a map; and a synopsis of the course laid down by the General Assembly for S. S. Teachers' Diplomas. Price when four or more are ordered, 25 cents each, per annum. Single subscriptions, 35 cents. *Samples free*.

A **Hand-book of Sabbath School Management and Work** prepared for and recommended by the Committee on Sabbath Schools of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, by David Fotheringham. (Price 15 cents). Published by C. Blackett Robinson, 5 Jordan Street, Toronto, Ont. May be ordered from the Convener. This book is the property of the Committee and all profits from its sale go towards the scheme of Higher Religious Instruction.

"I have read with pleasure the Hand-book on Sabbath School Management and Work by Inspector Fotheringham. Seldom have I seen so much that is really good compressed into so small a space. The book treats of the Sabbath School, its design, organization, and government, the classification of pupils, teaching, what it is and how to do it. There is a valuable chapter on the art of questioning, and another on teachers' meetings and how to make them profitable. Not the least valuable part of the book are several appendices and amongst these a list of books, many of which should be in the hands of every Sabbath School worker.

I can earnestly and confidently recommend the little book to all our Sabbath School teachers, feeling assured that after a careful perusal of it they will be much better qualified to discharge their important duties." THOMAS KIRKLAND, Principal, Normal and Model Schools, Toronto.