

# Bible Correspondence School

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#### BIBLE STUDY.

# TEACHER TRAINING.

THE CHRISTIAN TEACHER NEEDS:

- 1. Knowledge of the Bible, not merely of detached portions of the Bible.
- 2. Knowledge of the principles and methods of teaching.

God is stirring tens of thousands of Sabbath-school workers deeply to feel these needs and to inquire

# How shall these needs be supplied?

The answer is, by

# The Bible Correspondence School.

### What is its Outline of Study?

The Bible Correspondence School leads its members to a connected study of those periods of Bible History and those books of the Bible, portions of which are selected as the International lessons. It supplements those lessons. It fits its members for the intelligent study of the International series. It has a "Bible Teaching Section" for training its members in the principles and methods of Teaching and Practical Work. It has the power of associated study. It stimulates and helps by gathering into one school the more faithful workers of all the States and Territories and of Canada.

### What is the Special Course for 1888 and 1889?

1. The Life of Christ as contained in the Gospel according to St. Mark, and the Harmony of the Gospels. 2. Old Testament Biographies of Samuel, Saul, David and Solomon. 3. Practical Methods of Teaching.

### What are its Text-books?

The Bible itself, studied daily; together with pamphlets prepared by Dr. Worden, issued monthly to the members, November 1, December 1, January 1, February 1, March 1, April 1.

#### How is the Bible Correspondence School carried on?

The local President is the pastor, superintendent, or a competent teacher. He carries on the School: 1. By holding weekly meetings. 2. Where meetings cannot be held, the members study at home, and write monthly answers to the test questions, which are corrected by the President; or (3), members, without writing answers, study at home, many pursuing the School as a careful course of Bible reading. It thus adapts itself to all possible cases. The members are enrolled, their names forwarded to Dr. Worden, their standing is reported at the end of the term by the President to him and recorded. He aims to help in every way the Presidents.

#### What has been its History?

Beginning in November, 1883, with 5,000 members, it has increased every year until in 1888 it had 10,000 members, studying and reciting under 600 Presidents. Among these are many of the most eminent ministers and Sabbath-school workers in the United States and Canada. These thousands testify, out of their own experience, to its value and helpfulness. In many places it has aroused a new enthusiasm in Bible study. Is preparing thousands for the responsible office of Sabbath-school teacher. Has promoted many revivals of religion. It receives the endorsement of "The Sunday School Times."

#### Does the Bible Correspondence School give Certificates?

An Annual Certificate will be given to all members attaining a grade of seventy and over. All who complete, with honor, the entire course of study, will receive a Diploma. The first diplomas will be awarded in May 1890.

#### What is the Expense?

The total expense to each member of Schools of five or more is fifty cents, which entitles the member to membership and to the text books. To isolated members, seventy-five cents each.

# What are the Qualifications Required for Membership?

Belief in the Scriptures and a desire to study them.

## How can the Bible Correspondence School be Organized?

1. Isolated members study at home and report directly to Philadelphia. 2. The best way is for each Church or Sabbath-school to appoint a Local President of the Bible Correspondence School, either the pastor, superintendent or a competent teacher. He secures the names of all the teachers and promising scholars, and all the congregation sufficiently interested in Bible study to join the Bible Correspondence School. These names are enrolled and forwarded to Dr. Worden, who records them in the General Roll. The President reports at the end of the term the standing of each member.

#### How is this Work carried on?

The President can carry on the work: 1. By holding meetings each week. (This is by far the best way. Often the Teachers' Meeting takes up for six months the studies of the Bible Correspondence School instead of the Sabbath-school Lessons) 2. Where meetings cannot be held, the President encourages members to study at home, and write monthly the answers to the Test Questions, which are given in each pamphlet. These are corrected by the President each month and returned to their writers. 3. Members without writing answers to questions, study at home. Many pursue the school as a course of Bible reading preparatory to the International Lessons. The Bible Correspondence School adapts itself to all possible cases.

#### When Should Members Organize and Send in their Names?

The next term begins November 1, 1888. We are now ready to enroll members. Organize at once in your Church and School, and avoid the great rush in October. All Sabbath-school workers and Bible students of all denominations are welcome to membership. Please send dues either by P. O. Money Order, or Postal Notes, or checks, not in postage stamps. Address,

JAMES A. WORDEN, D.D.,

1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

Please make a thorough effort to obtain all the teachers and older scholars as members: fill out and MAIL AT ONCE to J. A. WORDEN, D.D., 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, for permanent record, this

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