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BIBLE-READING IN SCHOOLS.

ANALYSIS.

<p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. School Committees may sanction daily reading of the Bible, in accordance with</p>	<p>Schedule, with or without comment, in the public schools.</p> <p>3. Time during which reading shall take place.</p> <p>4. Scholars may be withdrawn during reading. Schedule.</p>
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A BILL INTITULED

5 AN ACT to sanction the daily Reading of the Bible in the Public Schools. Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

10 Act, 1890." 1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Bible-reading in Schools" Short Title.

15 2. The School Committee of any school district already, or which may hereafter be constituted, under "The Education Act, 1877," may sanction the daily reading, without comment, of a portion of the Bible in the public school or schools in such district within school hours, and such reading shall be in accordance with the Schedule attached to this Bill. School Committees may sanction daily reading of the Bible, in accordance with Schedule, without comment, in the public schools.

20 3. The time during which such reading shall take place shall be at the beginning or at the end of the meeting of the school, and shall be inserted in a time-table, to be approved of by the Committee, to be permanently and conspicuously affixed in every schoolroom in which such reading shall take place. Time during which reading shall take place.

4. Any scholar may be withdrawn by his or her parent or guardian during such reading, without forfeiting any of the other benefits of the school. Scholars may be withdrawn during reading.

SCHEDULE.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS.			Chap.
Lesson.			
1. The Work of Creation .. ..	Genesis	i.	
2. Adam and Eve .. ..	"	ii.	
3. The Temptation and Fall .. ..	"	iii.	
4. Cain and Abel .. ..	"	iv., 1-16	
5. Noah and his Times .. ..	"	v., vi.	
6. The Ark and the Flood .. ..	"	vii., viii.	
7. God's Covenant with Noah .. ..	"	ix., 1-17	
8. The Tower of Babel .. ..	"	xi., 1-9.	
9. The Trials of Job .. ..	Job	i., ii.	
10. The Triumphs of Job .. ..	"	xlii.	
11. The Call of Abraham .. ..	Genesis	xii.	
12. Abraham and Lot .. ..	"	xiii.	
13. God's Covenant with Abraham .. ..	"	xv., 1-18	
14. The Offering of Isaac .. ..	"	xxii., 1-19	
15. Eliezer, the Faithful Servant .. ..	"	xxiv.	
16. Jacob and Esau .. ..	"	xxvii.	
17. Jacob at Bethel .. ..	"	xxviii.	
18. Jacob wrestles with an Angel .. ..	"	xxxii.	
19. Jacob and Esau reconciled .. ..	"	xxxiii.	
20. Joseph sold to the Ishmaelites .. ..	"	xxxvii.	
21. Joseph in Prison .. ..	"	xl.	
22. Joseph exalted .. ..	"	xli.	
23. Joseph and his Brethren .. ..	"	xlii.	
24. Joseph and Benjamin .. ..	"	xliiii.	
25. Joseph revealed to his Brethren .. ..	"	xliv., xlv.	
26. Jacob blesseth Joseph's Sons .. ..	"	xlviii.	
27. Death of Joseph .. ..	"	i.	
28. The Childhood of Moses .. ..	Exodus	ii.	
29. The Flight into Midian .. ..	"	ii.	
30. Moses in the Burning Bush .. ..	"	iii.	
31. Aaron the Levite .. ..	"	iv., 1-21	
32. The Bondage of the Israelites .. ..	"	v., vi., 1-13	
33. The Plagues of Egypt .. ..	"	vii., viii.	
34. Pharaoh's Hardness of Heart .. ..	"	ix., x., xi.	
35. The Passover .. ..	"	xii.	
36. The Deliverance at the Red Sea .. ..	"	xiv.	
37. The Wilderness Journey .. ..	"	xv.	
38. The Gift of Manna .. ..	"	xvi.	
39. The Giving of the Law on Sinai .. ..	"	xx., 1-24	
40. The Worship of the Golden Calf .. ..	"	xxxii.	
41. The Tabernacle .. ..	"	xl.	
42. The Year of Jubilee .. ..	Leviticus	xxv.	
43. The Sending of the Spies .. ..	Num. xiii., xiv., 1-24		
44. Korah, Dathan, and Abiram .. ..	Num.	xvi.	
45. The Murmurings at Meribah. Death of Aaron .. ..	"	xx.	
46. The Brazen Serpent .. ..	"	xxi., 1-9	
47. Balak and Balaam .. ..	Num. xxii., xxiii., xxiv.		
48. The Prayer of Moses .. ..	Psalms	xc.	
49. The Song of Moses .. ..	Deut.	xxxii.	
50. The Death of Moses .. ..	"	xxxiv.	
51. Appointment of Joshua .. ..	Joshua	i.	
52. Crossing the Jordan .. ..	"	iii.	
53. Waters of Jordan return .. ..	"	iv.	
54. The Sin of Achan .. ..	"	vii.	
55. The Cities of Refuge .. ..	"	xx.	
56. The Charge of Joshua .. ..	"	xxiv.	
57. The Song of Deborah .. ..	Judges	v.	
58. Gideon, the Judge .. ..	"	vi., vii.	
59. Samson and the Philistines .. ..	"	xv., 9; xvi., 4	
60. Ruth, the Moabitess .. ..	Ruth	i., ii.	
61. Samuel and Eli in the Temple .. ..	1 Samuel	iii.	
62. Samuel as a Judge .. ..	"	vii.	
63. The People demand a King .. ..	"	viii.	
64. Saul anointed as King .. ..	"	ix., x.	
65. Samuel's Farewell Charge .. ..	"	xii.	
66. David and Goliath .. ..	"	xvii.	
67. David and Saul .. ..	"	xxiv.-xxv.	
68. Death of Saul .. ..	2 Samuel	i.	
69. Absalom's Rebellion .. ..	"	xviii.	
70. The Numbering of the People .. ..	"	xxiv.	
71. David's Charge to Solomon .. ..	1 Chron.	xxviii.	
72. David's Last Days .. ..	"	xxix.	
73. David the Psalmist .. ..	Psms. xix.-xxxiv.		

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS—continued.			Chap.
Lesson.			
74. The Building of the Temple .. ..	1 Kings	v., vi.	
75. The Dedication of the Temple .. ..	"	viii.	
76. The Wisdom of Solomon .. ..	"	x.	
77. A soft answer turneth away wrath .. ..	Prov.	xv.	
78. The Proverbs of Solomon .. ..	"	i., iii., x.	
79. The Preacher of Israel .. ..	Eccles.	xii.	
80. Rehoboam, the Foolish King .. ..	1 Kings	xii.	
81. Jeroboam and Israel .. ..	"	xiii.	
82. Asa's Good Reign .. ..	2 Chron.	xiv.	
83. Jehosaphat and Judah .. ..	"	xx.	
84. Elijah the Tishbite .. ..	1 Kings	xvii.	
85. Elijah and the Priests of Baal .. ..	"	xviii.	
86. Elijah in the Wilderness .. ..	"	xix.	
87. Ahab's Death .. ..	"	xxii., 1-40	
88. The Translation of Elijah .. ..	2 Kings	ii.	
89. Elisha and the Widow's Son .. ..	"	iv.	
90. Naaman the Syrian .. ..	"	v.	
91. Gehazi the Liar .. ..	"	v.	
92. Uzziah and the Priesthood .. ..	2 Chron.	xxvi.	
93. The Assyrian Captivity .. ..	2 Kings	xvii.	
94. Hezekiah's Good Reign .. ..	2 Chron.	xxx.	
95. Destruction of Sennacherib's Army .. ..	"	xxxii.	
96. Isaiah the Prophet .. ..	Isaiah	liii., lv.	
97. Manasseh's Idolatry and Repentance .. ..	"	2 Chron. xxxiii.	
98. Josiah, the Young King .. ..	"	xxxiv.	
99. Josiah and the Book of the Law .. ..	"	xxxiv.	
100. Josiah uprooting Idolatry .. ..	"	xxxv.	
101. Jonah and the Repentance of Nineveh .. ..	Jonah	i., ii., iii., iv.	
102. The Obedience of the Rechabites .. ..	Jerem.	xxxv.	
103. Jehoiakim and Jeremiah the Prophet .. ..	"	xxxvi.	
104. The Babylonian Captivity .. ..	2 Kings	xxv.	
105. Ezekiel the Prophet .. ..	Ezekiel	xxxvii.	
106. Interpretation of the King's Dreams .. ..	Daniel	ii.	
107. The Golden Image and the Fiery Furnace .. ..	"	iii.	
108. Nebuchadnezzar driven among Beasts .. ..	"	iv.	
109. The Deliverance from the Lions' Den .. ..	"	vi.	
110. Daniel's Prayers .. ..	"	ix.	
111. Haman and Mordecai .. ..	Esther	iii., iv.	
112. Haman's Pride and Fall .. ..	"	v., vi.	
113. Ezra the Scribe .. ..	Ezra	vii.	
114. Nehemia the Captive .. ..	Nehemiah	i., ii.	
115. Jerusalem Rebuilt .. ..	"	vi.	
116. The Law restored, &c. .. ..	"	viii.	
117. The Solemn Covenant .. ..	"	ix.	
118. Malachi, the Prophet .. ..	Malachi	iii.	

Additional Psalms.

1. Blessed is the man .. ..	i. —
2. O Lord our governor .. ..	viii. —
3. The Lord is my shepherd .. ..	xxiii. —
4. The earth is the Lord's .. ..	xxiv. —
5. Unto Thee, O Lord .. ..	xxv. —
6. Rejoice in the Lord .. ..	xxxiii. —
7. Fret not thyself because of evil-doers .. ..	xxxvii. —
8. God is our refuge .. ..	xlvi. —
9. God be merciful unto us .. ..	lxvii. —
10. O come, let us sing .. ..	xcv. —
11. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord .. ..	c. —
12. Bless the Lord, O my soul .. ..	ciii. —
13. O give thanks unto the Lord .. ..	cvii. —
14. Praise ye the Lord .. ..	cx. —
15. I will lift up mine eyes .. ..	cxxi. —
16. Out of the depths have I cried unto the Lord .. ..	cxix. —
17. I will extol Thee, my God, O King .. ..	cxlv. —
18. Praise the Lord, O my soul .. ..	cxlvi. —

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS.

Lesson.	Chap.	Verse.
1. The Messiah is born, &c.	.. Luke	ii. 8-20
2. Wise Men from the East worship Jesus	.. Matt.	ii. 1-23
3. Jesus's Private History	.. Luke	ii. 40-52
4. John begins to preach, &c.	.. Mark	iii. 1-20
5. Jesus is baptised	.. Mark	i. 1-11
6. Jesus is tempted by Satan	.. Matt.	iv. 1-11
7. John's Testimony to Jesus	.. John	i. 19-51
8. Jesus changes Water into Wine	.. "	ii. 1-12
9. Jesus cleanses the Temple	.. "	ii. 13-25
10. John's Testimony to Christ	.. "	iii. 22-36
11. The Woman of Samaria	.. "	iv. 1-42
12. The Nobleman's Son healed	.. "	iv. 43-54
13. Jesus is rejected of his Townsmen	.. Luke	iv. 14-30
14. Jesus makes Choice of Capernaum. He calls four Disciples	.. Matt.	iv. 12-22
15. A Sabbath in Capernaum	.. Luke	iv. 31-41
16. Jesus's First General Circuit	.. Mark	i. 35-45
17. The Beatitudes	.. Matt.	v. 1-12
18. The Sermon on the Mount, second part	.. "	vi., vii. —
19. Miraculous Draught of Fishes	.. Luke	v. 1-12
20. Jesus heals a Man sick of the Palsy, and calls Matthew	.. "	v. 17-39
21. Jesus heals a Lame Man	.. John	v. —
22. The Disciples pluck Corn	.. Matt.	xii. 1-8
23. The Withered Hand restored	.. "	xii. 9-14
24. Jesus's First Partial Circuit	.. "	xii. 15-21
25. Jesus chooses twelve Apostles	.. Mark	iii. 13-19
26. The Centurion's Servant healed	.. Luke	vii. 1-10
27. The Widow's Son restored	.. "	vii. 11-23
28. A Woman washes Jesus's Feet	.. "	vii. 36-50
29. A Demoniac healed	.. Matt.	xii. 22-50
30. Jesus teaches by Parables	.. "	xiii. 1-23
31. Jesus interprets Parables	.. "	xiii. 24-53
32. Jesus calms a Storm	.. Mark	iv. 35-41
33. Jesus casts Devils out	.. "	v. 1-21
34. Jairus's Daughter restored	.. "	v. 22-43
35. Jesus revisits Nazareth	.. "	vi. 1-6
36. The twelve Apostles sent out	.. "	vi. 7-13
37. John the Baptist beheaded	.. "	vi. 14-29
38. Jesus feeds 5,000 Men, &c.	.. "	vi. 30-44
39. Jesus walks on the Sea	.. "	vi. 45-56
40. Jesus the Bread of Life	.. John	vi. 25-71
41. Of Unwashed Hands	.. Mark	vii. 1-13
42. The Syrophenician Woman	.. "	vii. 24-30
43. Jesus feeds 4,000 Men, &c.	.. "	viii. 1-9
44. The Pharisees ask a sign	.. "	viii. 10-21
45. Jesus foretells his Death, &c.	.. Matt.	xvi. 13-28
46. Jesus appears in Glory	.. "	xvii. 1-21
47. Jesus pays Tribute	.. "	xvii. 22-27
48. Humility and Forgiveness	.. "	xviii. —
49. The Feast of the Tabernacles	.. John	vii. 1-18
50. The Light of the World	.. "	viii. 12-36
51. Jesus heals a Man born blind	.. "	ix. —
52. The Feast of Dedication	.. "	x. —
53. Jesus restores Lazarus to Life	.. "	xi. —
54. Messengers sent into Samaria	.. Luke	ix. 51-62
55. Seventy Disciples sent out	.. "	x. 1-37
56. Mary and Martha. One thing needful	.. "	x. 38-42
57. A dumb Devil cast out	.. "	xi. 14-54
58. Discourses on various topics	.. "	xii. 1-31
59. All warned to repent, &c.	.. "	xiii. 1-17
60. Of Humility. Parable of the Great Supper	.. "	xiv. 1-24
61. Parables of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Piece of Silver, the Prodigal Son	.. "	xv. 1-24
62. The Rich Man and Lazarus	.. "	xvi. 19-31
63. The Ten Lepers	.. "	xvii. 1-19
64. The Kingdom of God	.. "	xvii. 20-37
65. The Unrighteous Judge and Importunate Widow. The Pharisee and Publican	.. "	xviii. 1-14
66. Jesus blesses Little Children	.. "	xviii. 15-17
67. The Rich Young Ruler	.. "	xviii. 18-30

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS—continued.

Lesson.	Chap.	Verse.
68. Labourers hired	.. Matt.	xx. 1-16
69. Jesus predicts his Death	.. "	xx. 17-28
70. Jesus heals two Blind Men	.. "	xx. 29-34
71. Jesus visits Zaccheus	.. Luke	xix. 1-27
72. Mary anoints Jesus	.. Mark	xiv. 1-9
73. Jesus's Triumphal Entry	.. John	xii. 12-36
74. Jesus cleanses the Temple	.. Mark	xi. 12-19
75. Vineyard let to Husbandmen	.. Matt.	xxi. 33-46
76. The Marriage Feast	.. "	xxii. 1-22
77. The Resurrection of the Dead	.. "	xxii. 31-46
78. The Widow's Offering	.. Mark	xii. 41-44
79. Woes on the Pharisees	.. Matt.	xxiii. —
80. Destruction of the Temple	.. "	xxiv. 1-24
81. Parables of the Servants. Ten Virgins. The Talents	.. "	xxv. 1-30
82. The Judgment of the Nations	.. "	xxv. 31-46
83. The Passover	.. John	xiii. 1-30
84. Jesus forewarns Peter	.. "	xiii. 31-38
85. Jesus's Last Discourse	.. "	xiv. —
86. Jesus the True Vine	.. "	xv. —
87. Christ comforteth His Disciples by the Promise of the Holy Spirit	.. "	xvi. —
88. Christ prayeth for His Disciples	.. "	xvii. —
89. Jesus's Agony	.. Matt.	xxvi. 36-56
90. Peter denies Christ	.. "	xxvi. 57-75
91. Jesus before Pilate	.. "	xxvii. 1-14
92. Jesus is scourged	.. "	xxvii. 15-26
93. Jesus is crucified	.. "	xxvii. 27-50
94. Taken down from the Cross	.. "	xxvii. 51-66
95. Rises from the dead	.. "	xxviii. 1-15
96. Appears to Two Disciples	.. Luke	xxiv. 13-32
97. Appears to the Brethren	.. John	xxi. —
98. Ascends into Heaven	.. Luke	xxiv. 32-53

The Acts of the Apostles.

1. The Disciples at Jerusalem	.. i. —
2. The Day of Pentecost	.. ii. —
3. The First Miracle	.. iii. —
4. The Preaching of Peter and John	.. iv. 1-31
5. The Early Christian Church	.. iv. 32, v. 1-16
6. The Imprisonment and Deliverance of the Apostles	.. v. 17-42
7. The Appointment of Stephen, &c.	.. vi. —
8. Stephen's Denunciation of the Jews and his Martyrdom	.. vii. 51-60
9. Philip preaches at Samaria	.. viii. 1-25
10. The Conversion of Saul	.. ix. 1-31
11. Ananias and Dorcas	.. ix. 32-43
12. The Centurion Cornelius	.. x. —
13. The Church at Antioch and Barnabas	.. xi. 19-30
14. The Deliverance of Peter from Prison	.. xii. —
15. The Mission of Paul and Barnabas to Cyprus	.. xiii. 1-12
16. The Gospel preached to the Gentiles	.. xiii. 13-52
17. Paul and Barnabas at Lycaonia	.. xiv. —
18. Lydia. The Jailor at Philippi	.. xv. 35, xvi. —
19. Paul at Athens	.. xvii. —
20. Paul at Corinth	.. xviii. —
21. Paul at Ephesus	.. xix. —
22. Paul at Troas and Miletus	.. xx. —
23. Paul at Jerusalem	.. xxi. 30-40
24. Paul at Jerusalem. Address to the Multitude	.. xxii. —
25. Paul at Jerusalem and Cesarea	.. xxiii. —
26. Paul before Felix	.. xxiv. —
27. Paul before Festus	.. xxv. —
28. Paul before Agrippa	.. xxvi. —
29. Paul's Voyage and Shipwreck	.. xxvii. —
30. Paul at Melita. Journey to Rome	.. xxviii. 1-16
31. Paul at Rome	.. xxviii. 17-31

To be committed to Memory.

The Lord's Prayer.  
The Ten Commandments.