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BIBLE-READING IN SCHOOLS.

ANALYSIS.

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 Scholars may be withdrawn during reading.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

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, 1892." 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 Any scholar may be withdrawn by his or her parent or guardian during such reading, without forfeiting any of the other benefits of the school. Scholars may be withdrawn during reading.

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.	.. "	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 Impertunate 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. 33-53

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. Æneas 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 Phillippi	..	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.