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## GENERAL STATEMENT

The School for Religious Workers is conducted by the Syria Mission of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. for the training of pastors, teachers, women evangelists, and other religious leaders. It is open on equal terms to men and women of all denominations. Arrangements with the American University of Beirut and the British Syrian Mission make it possible to offer a wide range of courses to meet the particular needs of students.

## BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

The home of the school is Colton Hall, in the Mission compound, in which are ample accommodations in the way of class rooms, study rooms, library, dormitory, dining room, kitchen and bath, all furnished with electric lights. The rooms have all necessary furniture save that each student supplies his own bedding.

**Library.**—The Library of the Syria Mission, as well as that of the School for Religious Workers, are at the service of the students. It contains about 4,500 volumes in English and Arabic, comprising some old books of great value, lexicons, encyclopaedias, histories, commentaries, and books upon the Holy Land; also some of the best of modern books, to which



additions are continually being made. Arabic and English periodicals are in the Reading Room. The large and valuable library of the University is also available for use.

## RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Students are encouraged to take part in religious activities of all kinds in Beirut and vicinity. The opportunities for such activities include Sunday School and Christian Endeavour work, preaching, work with boys, and various forms of evangelistic and social effort. The school is planning to have an organized center as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made where religious and social work can be carried on by students under the direction of the school.

**Assemblies.**—About once each month the faculty conducts a School for Religious Workers Assembly, attended by the students and faculty as well as other friends. The program is partly devotional and inspirational, and partly for the purpose of stimulating thought along some line of religious leadership. An address is given by a member of the faculty or some invited speaker. The following are some of the topics which have been treated :

“Education for Religious Leadership.”

“Can a Divided Christendom Win the World ?”

“The Intellectual Life of the Christian Worker.”

“How Can We Find Out the Will of God ?”

“Phases of Church Music.”

A short noon prayer service is held in the Chapel five days a week.



## RECREATION

All students are encouraged to take some part in recreational activities. A tennis court adjoins Colton Hall, which provides a convenient and pleasant form of exercise. The department of physical education at the University is also available.

## HOSKINS CHAPEL

In Colton Hall is a small chapel for the use of the School for Religious Workers, for both public and private worship. It is known as the Hoskins Chapel, in honor of Rev. Franklin E. Hoskins, D.D., who was the principal of the Beirut Theological Seminary at the time Colton Hall was built, and to whose tireless efforts the building is due.

## CALENDAR

The school year follows the same calendar as the American University of Beirut. This includes opening and closing dates, holidays, and examinations.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence should be addressed to :

The Principal

School for Religious Workers,

American Mission,

Beirut, Syria.



## REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

Students registering for any course leading to a certificate, diploma, or degree, must have completed the work of a preparatory school of recognized standard, or otherwise fulfilled the requirements for admission to the Freshman class at the American University of Beirut. Special students, or students taking a partial course, must give satisfactory evidence of sufficient preparation for the classes for which they register. All applicants must give references and recommendations as to character and ability. Candidates for the theological course are advised when possible to secure the recommendation of the Presbytery, Synod or other ecclesiastical authority of their church.

## COURSES OF STUDY, DIPLOMAS, DEGREES

1. **Theological Course.**—This course is designed especially to prepare students for the work of the Christian ministry. Five years are required for the completion of the course, except for students who have completed one or more years of University work, who are admitted to advanced standing. Work is taken partly at the School for Religious Workers, and partly at the American University of Beirut. Students completing the course are given a Diploma in Theology. Students receiving a sufficient number of University credits may receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

2. **Religious Education Course.**—The purpose of this course is to give a thorough preparation for teachers of religious subjects, Sunday School workers, directors of Religious Education, and community leaders. It is felt that the



need and opportunity for such leaders will increase from year to year. Five years are required for the completion of the course, except for students who have completed one or more years of University work, who are admitted to advanced standing. Work is taken partly at the School for Religious Workers, and partly at the American University of Beirut. Most of the courses in Education given at the University are required. This course leads to a Diploma in Religious Education. Students receiving a sufficient number of University credits may receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

3. **Pedagogical Course.**—This is a course of two years leading to a Normal Certificate, and designed especially for teachers of village day schools. Work is taken partly at the American University. At the end of the first year of study a temporary certificate may be granted to those wishing to teach for one year before further preparation. Students who have completed the normal course and wish later to continue their studies will be given credit for these two years of work.

4. **Course for Women Evangelists.**—This course is conducted in cooperation with the British Syrian Mission. It consists of two years of study, with at least a half year in addition of practical work in a place appointed by the faculty. An evangelist's certificate will be given on completion of the course.

For those not able to do the full work of this course without interruption, a short course is offered consisting of one year of study and a half year of field work. A short-course certificate will be given on completion of this work.



5. **Special Courses.**—Those who for satisfactory reasons wish to pursue special or partial courses not leading to the above mentioned certificates or diplomas, should apply to the Principal, giving recommendations and full information about their preparation to take the courses desired. Special students are not recommended to the University except in very exceptional cases.

### TUITION FEES

A tuition fee of \$85.00 (£ Egyptian 17) is charged all students in courses 1, 2, and 3. Fee for Course 4, \$50.00 (£ Egyptian 10). Tuition is payable in two equal instalments at the beginning of each semester.

The fee for special students is determined by the circumstances of each case.

Students taking science courses at the American University are charged the regular laboratory fees.

All fees are payable to the School for Religious Workers.

### ROOMS AND BOARD

A number of rooms in Colton Hall are available to men students. No charge is made for rent, but a nominal fee of \$5.00 per year is charged for light and care of room. Students are expected to bring their own bedding. Two students will be expected to occupy each room.



The kitchen and dining room of Colton Hall are open to students rooming in the building, and board is furnished at cost to students desiring it.

Arrangements for women students may be made through the British Syrian Mission.

### SCHOLARSHIP AND OTHER AID

The American Presbyterian Mission furnishes a limited number of scholarships which the school assigns to students recommended by that organization. Applications for scholarships should be made before June 1st for the following school year. Students recommended by other agencies should apply for aid to the organizations with which they are affiliated.

In the case of students needing further aid, the School will endeavor to find suitable employment, for which payment is made at an assigned rate; but permission to accept such employment will be conditional upon the maintenance of a high standard of scholarship.

There are also opportunities for employment for a limited number of students during the summer as evangelists, colporteurs, etc.



### **Courses of Instruction**

(\* Starred courses are electives which may be offered occasionally)

#### **I. Department of Biblical Literature.**

1. **Introduction to the Literature of the  
Old Testament** 3 hours, 1st term
2. **New Testament Introduction** 3 hours, 2nd term
- \*3. **Hebrew : Introductory Course** 3 hours, 1 term
- \*4. **Messages of the Prophets** 3 hours, 1 term
- 5-6. **Exegesis** 3 hours, 2 terms
7. **The Life and Significance of  
Christ** 3 hours, 1 term
- \*8. **Life and Teachings of Paul** 3 hours, 1 term
- \*9. **The Teachings of Jesus** 3 hours, 1 term

#### **II. Department of Religious History**

1. **History of the Hebrew People** 3 hours, 1st term
3. **General Church History,  
Ancient and Mediaeval** 3 hours, 1st term
4. **General Church History,  
Reformation and Post-  
Reformation Periods** 3 hours, 2nd term
- \*5. **History of the Apostolic Age** 3 hours, 1 term
6. **History of the Eastern Churches** 3 hours, 1 term
7. **History of Islam** 3 hours, 1 term
- \*8. **History of Doctrine** 3 hours, 1 term
- \*9. **History of Missions** 3 hours, 1 term
- \*10. **Modern Movements** 3 hours, 1 term

#### **III. Department of Philosophy and Theology**

- \*1. **Theism** 3 hours, 1 term
2. **Philosophy of Religion  
(at A.U.B.)** 3 hours, 1 term
4. **Systematic Theology** 3 hours, 2 terms
- \*5. **Comparative Religions  
(at A.U.B.)** 3 hours, 1 term
6. **Islamics** 3 hours, 1 term



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| 7.  | <b>The Psychology of Religion</b><br>(at A.U.B.) | 3 hours, 1 term |
| *8. | <b>The Person of Christ</b>                      | 3 hours, 1 term |
| *9. | <b>Contemporary Religious Thought</b>            | 3 hours, 1 term |

#### IV. Department of Practical Theology

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|------|--------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1-2. | <b>Principles and Methods of Preaching</b> | (one unit) |
| 3-4. | <b>Sermon Analysis and Sermon Outlines</b> | ( " " )    |
| 5-6. | <b>Homiletics. Preaching</b>               | ( " " )    |
| *7.  | <b>Homiletic Use of the Scriptures</b>     |            |
| *8.  | <b>Types of Preaching</b>                  |            |
| 9.   | <b>Pastoral Theology</b>                   | ( " " )    |
| 10.  | <b>Aims and Methods of Evangelism</b>      | ( " " )    |
| 11.  | <b>Church Polity</b>                       | ( " " )    |

#### V. Religious Education and Social Service

- (a) Courses required of all regular students.  
 (b) Courses required for diploma in religious education.
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|-------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1.    | <b>Introduction to Religious Education</b>         | (a) 3 hours, 1 term      |
| 2.    | <b>Methods and Agencies of Religious Education</b> | (b) 3 hours, 1 term      |
| 3.    | <b>Principles of Religious Education</b>           | (a) 3 hours, 1 term      |
| 4.    | <b>The Curriculum of Religious Education</b>       | (b) 3 hours, 1 term      |
| 40.   | <b>The Curriculum of Religious Education</b>       | (b) 3 hours, 1 term      |
| 5.    | <b>The Sunday School</b>                           | (b) 3 hours, 1 term      |
| 6.    | <b>Child Study</b>                                 | (b) 3 hours, 1 term      |
| *7-8. | <b>Comparative Religious Education</b>             | 3 hours through the year |
| *9.   | <b>Christianity and Social Progress</b>            | 3 hours, 1 term          |
| 10.   | <b>Community and Social Welfare</b>                | (b) 3 hours, 1 term      |



## THEOLOGICAL COURSE—DISTRIBUTION OF WORK

Note :—As the courses offered in the School for Religious Workers will not all be given in any one year, the following program is subject to alteration. All the courses mentioned must be taken at some time before graduation, except when other courses are substituted by the faculty.

### Freshman Year—

*Units*

Regular University Freshman work.

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At S. R. W. Orientation Course. A course of guidance, inspiration, and reading. No credit, 1 hour per week.

### Sophomore Year—

*Units*

#### At A. U. B.—

Arabic (For students whose vernacular is Arabic)

2

Science (Unless science requirements are already satisfied)

2

Social Science

2

Elective

1

#### At S. R. W.—

History of the Hebrew People

1

Old Testament Introduction

1

New Testament Introduction

1



Junior Year—		Units
At A. U. B.—		
A course from the Social Science Groups	2	
History of Philosophy	2	
Elective	1	
At S. R. W.—		
General Church History	2	
Principles and Methods of Preaching	1	
Introduction to Religious Education	1	
Methods and Agencies of Religious Edu.	1	
Sub-Senior Year—		
At A. U. B.—		
Philosophy of Religion	1	
Psychology of Religion	1	
Elective	2	
At S. R. W.—		
Bible Exegesis	2	
History of Eastern Churches	1	
Homiletics (Sermon Analysis)	1	
Systematic Theology	2	
Senior Year—		
At A. U. B.—		
Elective	2	
At S. R. W.—		
Life and Significance of Jesus	1	
History of Islam	1	

	<i>Units</i>
Islamics (Theology, customs, etc.)	1
Homiletics (Preaching)	1
Pastoral Theology	1
Church Polity	1
Elective	2

**COURSE IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND  
COMMUNITY SERVICE  
SAMPLE DISTRIBUTION OF WORK**

(See note under Theological Course).

**Freshman Year**—Same as Theological course. 10

**Sophomore Year**—

At A. U. B.—Same as Theological course. 7

At S. R. W.—

Hebrew History 1

Religious Education, or Education at  
A.U.B. 2

**Junior Year**—

At A. U. B.—

Education 1

Sociology 2

Economics 2

Elective 1



	<i>Units</i>
<b>At S. R. W.—</b>	
Religious Education	2
Church History	2
<b>Sub-Senior Year—</b>	
<b>At A. U. B.—</b>	
Education	1
Philosophy of Religion	1
Psychology of Religion	1
Readings in Psychology	1
<b>At S. R. W.—</b>	
Religious Education	2
Bible	2
History of the Eastern Churches	1
Elective (A.U.B. or S.R.W.)	1
<b>Senior Year—</b>	
<b>At A. U. B.—</b>	
Education	2
<b>At S. R. W.—</b>	
Religious Education	2
Islamics	1
Practical Theology 10	1
Elective (A.U.B. or S.R.W.)	4

## CURRICULUM FOR WOMEN EVANGELISTS

### FULL COURSE.

### Units

#### I. *Biblical Literature :*

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|------------------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Old Testament Introduction                  | I |
| 2. New Testament Introduction                  | I |
| 7. Life and Character of Christ                | I |
| 9. Teachings of Jesus (or a substitute Course) | I |
| 5-6b. Exegesis—Special Course                  | 2 |

#### II. *Religious History*

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| 3-4. General Church History | 2 |
| 7. History of Islam         | I |
| 9. History of Missions      | I |

#### III. *Philosophy and Theology*

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|-----------------------------------------------------|---|
| 3-4b. A special short course in Biblical theology   | I |
| 6. Islamics                                         | I |
| 8. The Person of Christ<br>(Or a substitute course) | I |

#### IV. *Practical Theology*

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| 5-6b. Homiletics. (Half time with regular class, half with special exercises) | I |
| 10. Aims and Methods of Evangelism                                            | I |



V. *Religious Education and Social Service*

	<i>Units</i>
2. Methods and Agencies of Rel. Ed.	1
5b. The Sunday School (At B. S. M. in Damascus)	1
6b. Child Study, Special course at B.S.T.C.	1
— Child Welfare. At B.S.T.C.	1
— First Aid and Sanitation. At B.S.T.C.	1
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SPECIAL ONE-YEAR COURSE. (References to above numbers)	
I. 1, 2, 5-6b (short course, one unit), 7 or 9	4
II. 3 or 4	1
III. 6	1
IV. 5-6b	1
V. 2, 6b (Short Course, half unit)	
Child Welfare and First Aid (Short Course),	3
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STUDENTS — 1929-1930

<i>Name</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Year</i>
George Ilyas Khury	Theological	Sub-Senior
Hanna Ghalib	Religious Education	Junior
Yusuf 'Isa Shammās	Theological	Junior
Marie Bitchkoff	Theological	Junior
Farid Audi Zu'mot	Theological	Sophomore
Anis Asfur	Theological	Sophomore
Youhanna Der Mugrditchian	Theological	Sophomore
Ibrahim Ya'kub Markus	Education	Sophomore
Paul R. Anderson	Special	
Wilhelm Lesovsky	Special	





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