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EDITORIAL

The War Loans, Saving, and Efficiency

"Without the aid afforded by the savings of our people, the expenditures which have been made in Canada by governments for supplies and munitions could not have been made; so that those who have saved have benefited not only themselves, but the entire community." So said the Minister of Finance in his Budget speech in Parliament. And he added: "No better advice can be offered to the public than to exercise the strictest thrift and economy."

There is little need to point out the bearing of these weighty utterances,—and no one in the Dominion knows better whereof he speaks, when it concerns a matter of finance, than Sir Thomas White—on the Sunday School teacher. Thrift always was and always will be a part of religion. The child cannot be taught it too early. The home has, of course, the first and greatest opportunity in this, as in all religious education; but the teacher has his opportunity also, and should lose no chance which the Sunday School lesson affords, of encouraging the children to the avoidance of waste and the practice of economy, and the value to the general welfare of even the small production which the children's hands can accomplish.

The Publications Committee's Year

Every Sunday School teacher and officer, and, in fact, every person connected with any congregation of our Church, is a partner in the business of the PRESBYTERIAN PUBLICATIONS, which is the business title of the General Assembly's Publications Committee.

The readers of the TEACHERS MONTHLY will, therefore, be glad to know that, notwithstanding the War times, the business has had a good year—the year ends on April 30th.

The War has brought many difficulties into business, and especially businesses in which printing paper bulks as largely as in ours. The price of paper has been soaring. There have been increases, amounting in some instances to 200%, in the cost of paper. All other materials have also advanced in price, and the cost of labor has advanced. To ensure success the strictest economy has to be practised, and more "pep" put into all the processes. Our problem has been, with a decrease, rather than an increase, of office staff and employees, to serve our constituency adequately and to bring the business through with a fair margin.

When we say that the amount of business done has increased from \$152,539 to \$166,690 and that the net profit has been \$7,832 greater than for the preceding year, our partners in the business will, we think, have reason to feel that the management has been trying to take care of their interests.

Two fresh lines have been agreed upon that will likely eat up this margin of profit, but which were found to be necessary if the PUBLICATIONS are to keep pace with the demands that have come from our constituency. These are a new series of Departmental Graded Lessons and a new series of Teacher Training Handbooks.