

## FINANCIAL APPEAL.

The expenses of the Sabbath School Committee this year have been unusually heavy. We began the year with a deficit of nearly \$1,000 and had to continue the work of the last eight months at a constant expenditure, which was not balanced by a corresponding income. We cannot reduce our expenses in the season when few contributions come in for any of the schemes of the church. Our lesson helps have to be printed and paid for all the year round, in summer as well as in winter. This expense is met by money borrowed on the personal notes of the convener. We expect that in the next three months the contributions of Sabbath Schools will enable us to meet these as they mature. Additional expense has been incurred in publishing a *Scholar's Quarterly* and *Teacher's Monthly*. There were repeated demands for these, and the reception they have met with has amply vindicated the judgment of the committee in issuing them. The largely increased subscription list will eventually more than pay all the extra cost incurred, but meanwhile we are heavily burdened. One who has not had experience in such matters would not imagine how much initial outlay is connected with launching even such a small enterprise as ours. At this season, too, the expenses connected with the scheme of *Higher Religious Instruction* and the *Collection of Statistics* come upon us. For the next three months we shall need the utmost liberality of the friends of the Sabbath School work. These can help us in two ways:

1. **By sending in liberal contributions at once.** Only a small proportion of those who have contributed in the past have, as yet, reported for the current year. Many who received the children's day service still withhold the collection promised. If these friends would kindly remit their usual amounts we should be greatly obliged. Why should not more of our churches follow the example of United Church, New Glasgow, N. S., and others, which took up a congregational collection and sent the handsomest cheque to the convener that he has ever received. Don't forget the Sabbath School Committee when you are allocating your monies to the schemes.

2. **By subscribing for our Lesson Helps.** Those who have no personal interest in them say that they are among the best published. Certainly they aim at two most important objects; the use of the Bible in the school and the home study of the lesson. The largest publishers in the United States are following our lead. But while they demand a double subscription by issuing two leaflets we combine the explanation of the lesson and the written answers on one, and thus reduce the expense to the school to less than one-half. There are no helps published so cheap as ours, and, as far as the essential work of the teacher is concerned, there are few so full and helpful. See what those say about them who use them, (page 60.) Samples will be sent free, to any who wish them, in sufficient quantity to give one *Monthly* to each teacher, one *Quarterly* to each teacher and senior scholar and one *Home Study Leaflet* to every one in the school. When ordering please state that they are wanted as *samples*, to prevent their being charged.