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Please read with special care the few words on this page with regard to the Sabbath School Lesson Helps.

Of special excellence and interest are the picture of medical work in Honan and that of the work of the Augmentation Scheme. The latter may be thought a prosy subject but the presentation of it by Dr. Campbell is most attractive, with a halo of poetry and pathos as well.

The difficulties and the hopefulness of French Evangelization are well set forth in some incidents of that work; while from several pens and pages may be gathered a good idea of the state of the far off New Hebrides. Not of mere passing interest but of permanent value are most of these contributed articles.

TO MINISTERS, S.S. SUPERINTENDENTS, TEACHERS,

AND ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK.

According to resolution of last General Assembly, the Sabbath School Lesson Helps of our church, that have been carried on with such persevering energy by Rev. T.F. Fotheringham of St. John, will, for 1898, be published from this office. Mr. Fotheringham and Mr. Archibald will continue in them their valuable work. A good series of Lesson Helps may safely be promised.

Will you kindly give them a full and fair trial? If you are now using them please do so "this year also." If you are using other Helps, to which you have naturally become attached, will you not give these a fair trial, and see if you do not come to like them also?

They are your own. The church to which most of us owe so much in other ways, is trying to provide for her own wants in this respect also, and the help of all is needed. Other lands or homes may be larger and richer, but our own country and home is most beautiful and best for us; and there may be other Lesson Helps more finely arrayed, but these are our own, with first claim. Further, the sentiment of love and loyalty for our own Church, thus strengthened by giving our own Helps a place, will be in itself a good not otherwise attained.

There may be finer Churches and better preachers within reach than one's own, but faithful attendance at the latter does more real good to self as well as to others, because one is not merely indulging in what seems most pleasing, but is strengthening character by faithfulness to duty.

And so, dear fellow worker, even if you should think that there are some other Helps quite as good, yet if you allow nothing to displace your own, you will not only