

I wish to write more particularly with reference to a square deal so far as it concerns you and your branch. You expect a square deal from the officers of your branch, and you invariably obtain it. Your officers in return expect a square deal from you, but they are not so lucky in obtaining it. It is up to you, Mr. Member, to see that your branch and its officers obtain a square deal from you. You owe a great deal to your branch and to the officers who run your branch for you. What are you giving in return? Why some of you do not even give the two or three hours required for each monthly meeting, and the excuses given by most of you are many, ingenious, and mostly unsound. I suppose that the most threadbare excuse of all is, "I didn't have the time to attend." Well, just suppose that when you elect your officers and give them certain duties for the coming year that they did not attend to those duties, would you accept from them the excuse that they "didn't have time." Another excuse much in favour during the winter is, "It was such a rotten night." Well, perhaps the weather was inclement, but if our Army or Navy now fighting for us decided at some critical moment that they wouldn't be at their posts because of the bad weather, I don't think that their excuse would be accepted. Some of you do not attend because you think to yourselves that those who do go can do all that is needed without your help. This is the most unfair excuse of all and you know it. Why should the work be always left to the other fellow? I will not further try to point out the right way to those who do not attend the monthly meetings, but I would like a few words with those of you who, while attending, neither arrive at nor leave the meeting in the right spirit. Such members are only too well known as the kickers. A real live kicker who goes about his kicking in the right way is a most useful member, as he is the man who will bring real grievances to light, but the man that attends a meeting, says nothing during the meeting, and then after the meeting is over begins to run down the "bunch," finds fault with the way the meeting was conducted, and airs his grievances around the office, is a man who is doing his branch a great deal of harm. His methods are far from the ideals of square dealing for his attacks are not delivered in the open, but in the dark, and, as it were, are directed at the back of his branch. Are you a kicker of this description? Perhaps you are, but you do not know it, you only told one or two of the fellows your ideas because you were not getting a square deal. At the next meeting you attend air your views; give the branch a square deal, and you will get one in return.

I have tried in this short article to bring home a few truths to some of our members.

If any of you feel annoyed with this article search yourselves for the reason of your annoyance. Perhaps more conscientious attendances at your branch meetings will remove it. Once again, for your Association, your officers, and your branch,—all of whom are doing their level best for you,—I ask a square deal.

"DATE-STAMP."

## OPPORTUNITY.

By "Revellie."

Shakespeare says,

"There is a tide in the affairs of men,  
Which takes at the flood, leads on to fortune,  
Omitted, all the voyage of their life  
Is bound in shallows and in miseries,  
And we must take the current where it  
serves or lose our ventures."

The same applies to our Association, as to the individual. Are the postal clerks of Canada doing their best to make our Association the power for good which it ought to be! I am afraid that they are not. The great men of the Empire tell us that things can never be the same after the war as they were before it. In the last few years there has been a marked improvement in the working conditions of the postal clerks of Canada, but there are still many things to be desired. I think, like the men who are in the trenches, that we should consolidate our gains before making preparation for the next venture. This can be done thoroughly only by every man putting his hand to the plough, by attending the meetings regularly and by taking an active part in the running of the affairs of the Association. There is one complaint common to nearly every branch, that is the awful indifference displayed by many members. This state of affairs makes the work of the officers very disheartening, indeed; night after night they see the same few faces, the same old stand-bys, tenaciously holding on, believing the day must surely come when things can never be the same. Fellow members, here is your opportunity. Cut out the selfish spirit of being content to see these few men bear the whole burden of looking after your interests while you stand idly looking on. Get busy, young members, and give the Association the benefit of your youth and energy. Get busy, old members, and give your Association the benefit of your experience and sage counsel. Arise, I say, each and every one and smash down this barrier of indifference, give it its deathblow, and the results of your social intercourse and mutual benefit will astound you. If our Association is to be a success, then we must make it a live one. It must