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Never Mind !

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NEVER mind if midnight shadows
Lie across our onward way ;
Look unto the glorious ending—
Shineth there eternal day.

Never mind if storms break o'er us,
And a rugged path we tread ;
Smoothly stretch celestial roadways,
Tranquil skies above them spread.

Never mind if bitter sorrows
Thickly now about us press ;
Future bliss will be the sweeter
For these seasons of distress.

Never mind if we must suffer,
Sojourning on earth below ;
In God's heaven above no sickness
Evermore the dwellers know.

Never mind, oh, never mind them—
Tempest, darkness, sadness, pain !
Travel we to that blest country
Where no ills an entrance gain !

Toronto, Ont.

"Taiyib !"

SOME years ago a gentleman living in Jerusalem requested a converted Arab, whom he knew to be something of a poet, to write some verses on the responsibility of a Christian worker. Full of zeal for the cause of his Lord, the Arab set about the task. He wrote several stanzas. Here is one of them :

"Taiyib, taiyib, taiyib, taiyib,
Taiyib, taiyib, taiyib,
Taiyib, taiyib, taiyib,
Taiyib, taiyib, taiyib."

The rhyme is not very commendable, but the reasoning is admirable, for to "go on" (that is the meaning of "taiyib") is the dominant spirit of the Christian life.

We want to declare this "taiyib" gospel in the ears of every Endeavorer in the land. The spirit

of our movement is aggressive and progressive, and there is nothing that brings down upon it adverse criticism like sluggishness and regression on the part of the members. We are now entering upon the work anew after the fatigue and interruptions of the summer, and we should seek with earnest determination to make the work of the society more thorough and efficient during the coming months than ever before.

Dr. Clark, in his powerful address at Nashville, made a plea for "more fruit" on the part of Endeavorers everywhere—"more fruit for the individual, more fruit for the society, more fruit for the church, more fruit for the world." Fruit-bearing is the best testimony to the worth of our movement, and "more fruit" is evidence that cannot be gainsaid of an increase of life on the part of the members. "Herein is my Father glorified, because ye bear *much* fruit ; so shall ye be my disciples."

The Work that Tells.

IN the extension of Christ's kingdom it is personal work that counts. Five minutes' private, friendly conversation will usually do more to bless a soul than five months of meetings. Impressions are made in the meetings, but they require to be followed up by the tact and touch of personal effort. It requires a person as well as a message to win souls, and the person who gets into the closest range is usually the most effective. Our society furnishes every opportunity for this telling work, and it is the duty of every member to cultivate the art of personal service for Christ.

"But it requires so much wisdom to do this kind of work, and I don't know how to approach people personally about spiritual things." Then become a scholar at once in Christ's school and learn. One can talk freely about what one knows, and upon subjects of which the heart is full. Study God's Word ; pray for the help of the Spirit, keep in communion with the Master