

ready to advise with her about the work. The president looks upon them as co-workers with her, and instead of ignoring them, except when she wishes her place supplied by one of them, often consults with them as to the best way of advancing the work. Yes, and sometimes the three will kneel together and ask help from Him, who alone is perfect strength, but who never forgets the frailties of His children. Christian communion with each other and with our God, too often sadly neglected. Strong in ourselves—we fail; strong in His strength—we succeed. President and Vice-Presidents of the Model Society, we ask you to work together. Be not obstinate, nor jealous of each other, but be earnest, faithful, Christian women.

The next officer required is a Secretary. The Model Society, realizing the importance of this officer, uses judgment in selecting ones. Many a good president would make but a poor secretary, as their duties are quite different. If possible, it is desirable that the secretary be a good reader; also that she be able to express herself clearly, and give a good report of the meetings of the Society. She will consider it a point of honor to attend every meeting possible, but if unavoidably kept away, will see that the minutes of the former meeting are sent, and will also secure and copy the minutes of the meetings that she could not attend. Thus will a faithful record be kept, which can at any time be referred to, that others may know date of meetings, number present and business transacted. To help the work on, she will occasionally write a short piece for the *Messenger and Visitor*, so that others may know that she is neither dead nor sleeping. Perhaps, sometimes, she will receive a letter from the Provincial or the County Secretary. These officers are deeply interested in the work and are often very anxious about the Societies under their charge. The secretary of the Model Society will see to it that these letters are answered at least two or three months after their arrival. Possibly, even in a fortnight's time, instead of waiting nine months, or, as often happens, ignoring them altogether.

Secretaries of model societies, we would call upon you to remember the Golden Rule, and do to others as you would be done by.

It's an easy matter to write a short letter telling about the works and mentioning any way in which you think the officers referred to could help. Oh, be true to yourselves and to your societies and your professions of Christian women and do the right.

Next in order in our list of officers is the Treasurer. She certainly has our sympathy, for hers is a thankless billet. Have patience, though, Treasurer of the Model Society, and be not disgusted if you have to tramp the streets of your town or drive our country roads in slush or mud, or under broiling sun and at last return home weary and hungry, with perhaps only twenty-five cents more in your pocket-book than when you started. Be fearless and cheerfully try again, and never stop till the last cent has been collected or paid in. Of course, though, in the model society, the treasurer will not have any such experiences for every member will cheerfully pay her dues or see that they are paid at the proper time. By so doing, much labour that should be unnecessary will be saved. Accuracy in keeping accounts, perseverance in collecting and a cheerful willingness to oblige, are some of the essential requisites for a model treasurer.

And now, we present our officers to you—a loyal and

faithful band, united together to do all they can for the advancement of the society under their care. But, members, what about you? Does the Model Society really depend upon its officers or upon its members? Oh, surely in a great measure upon its members. I cannot tell you how grieved I have been this year as I have looked at the societies of my county and realized that some of them were dying, simply because the members would not do their part. The officers did all they could, but in one instance at any rate they have had to abandon the work, for the members would not fulfil their promises, and two or at the most three could not do it at all. Again, we have instances in which the officers are hurting the society. Time and again do they neglect their duties and still claim to be officers. Oh, Christian women of the W. M. A. societies, how much longer will ye trifle with God! How many paltry excuses will you offer for your non-attendance, your negligence and your refusal to pay what you promised when you enrolled your name among those who have for their motto—"We are laborers together with God."

Members of the Aid Societies, we call upon you to-day to be more loyal and true than you have been. Keep the day and time of the monthly meetings in mind. Only twelve of them in the year. Try and attend them, but if you honestly can't, then cheer the other workers on by an encouraging word now and then, and the prompt payment of your dues. Don't, please, remain in your homes and cruelly criticize those who are trying so hard to work.

Again, the members of the Model Society must be sociable. Gladly will they welcome strangers and interest them in the work; if it is necessary to drive to the meetings those who have teams will not inquire around to see where they can get a chance with someone else, and so save them the trouble of taking their own team, but will consider those of their society, who have no way of getting to the meeting, only as some good Samaritan takes them, and will kindly invite them to go with them, seeing to it, that they call in time. The model member will of course endeavor to be ready when the sister arrives. It would be well, too, to occasionally take someone besides a special friend, some sister, who perhaps is in poorer circumstances than you are but who is no less an earnest Christian woman and who will enjoy a little attention from her more favored sisters, more than words can tell.

Then in order to make the meetings pleasant and profitable, every one will be ready to do what she can, and will promptly respond, not weary others by frivolous and idle excuses. If you cannot offer a learned and lengthy oration to the Lord (and it may be just as well you cannot), tell them in a few simple words that you are anxious to do His will and desire His help. Don't refuse to pray. Again, don't leave all the Committee work for one or two to look after but "bear ye one another's burdens," realizing that other women are tired as well as you and would dearly enjoy a rest, but stern duty urges them on for the work must be done. And now, just a few words to the small, weak society. My sisters, we have not forgotten you. Our sympathies and prayers are always yours for we know you have a good deal to discourage you. If you cannot work on as large or as good a scale as you would like, you can still be a Model Society by standing loyally by each other and faithfully doing the best you can. Conquer but be not conquered by the indifference and apathy of others.