

upon God's Word, to follow in the footsteps of the Master "who went about doing good"—these are the things that build up a life in the graces of the Gospel.

The blessing that fills the soul of the individual overflows in blessing upon the society. If all the springs are full, the river also is full. So it is clear that the difficulty of the run-down society is personal. Let each member be like a glowing brand, and when they come together the meetings will be characterized by warmth, and the work will be marked by a marvellous intensity and power.

Piths and Points.

REMEMBER that every prayer meeting should have an object as well as a subject.

WHEN committees fail to present their monthly report, it is usually because there is nothing to report.

SPEAK OUT! No one gets any benefit from the message that cannot be heard. Indeed, low speaking is more likely to irritate than to edify.

WHAT definite thing is your society doing to help the church? If nothing, is it not about time that you gave the matter the consideration it deserves?

THAT Endeavorer who spoke in your meeting the other night for the first time—you told him at the close how pleased you were to hear his voice, of course.

"OUR watchword: 'A living Christ for a dying world!'" That is a motto worth adopting by every society in the land, as well as by the one which originated it.

HERE is a word from a Christian Endeavor leader that is worth remembering: "It is better to soften a heart by your testimony than to impress a mind by your speech."

A TORONTO society held an intensely interesting meeting the other evening, consisting of reports of four of the members who visited during the week the different city missions.

DON'T scold. Encouragement is always better than discouragement. If your meetings are not what they ought to be, you are not likely to raise their standard by talking them down.

"THAT young man thinks more of making a speech than of witnessing for Christ." And that criticism laid bare the secret of that young man's powerlessness in spite of his evident ability.

THE height of a tree and the spread of its branches is in proportion to the depth and extension of its roots. Your society must strike root downward into the soil of divine truth and broaden out in its grasp of divine love, if it is to bear fruit upward and branch out in manifold Christian service.

A COMMITTEE—a number of individuals to whom some important work has been committed. Have you thought much about the work that has been committed to you? Do you consider Who it is that has assigned you the service?

WHEN you fear to take part in a prayer meeting because you may fail, we would recommend you to spend half an hour each day for a month in meditation upon God's "fear nots." There will be no doubt about the result.

YOUNG men, why are the other young men of your neighborhood not attending the meetings of your society? Before answering, ask yourself this further question, "How many invitations have I extended to the young men of my acquaintance to come with me to our meetings?"

NUMBERS and strength are not synonymous. You cannot estimate the influence of a society by counting heads. "Have you a strong society?" we ask. "Yes, a very strong society," is the answer; "we have over a hundred active members." As if one could measure the power of a society by the multiplication table!

A PASTOR, in writing about the indifference of some of the members of his society, rendering necessary special efforts to keep up the interest, explains the present indifference in the following way: "I attribute much of the weakness to an experiment tried of giving important offices to indifferent members in order to encourage them. We have found it to be a mistake." Let every society take heed!

THERE are occasionally individuals met with who make the society a pedestal upon which they seek to exalt themselves. The sooner they are led down from the officer's pedestal to the member's chair, the better for the society. "The worker who tries to 'run' a society should never forget that there is only the difference of an 'i' between 'run' and 'ruin.' And in Latin that 'i' is called 'ego.'"

WE were approached by a pastor recently who complained about his society not taking the interest it should in the work of the church. "Do you attend the meetings of the society yourself?" we asked. His answer was, "No, but—" And there was the solution of the difficulty. The young people failed to take an interest in the work because there was no one who took the trouble to interest them in it.

WHEN Christians meet in Jesus' name, He is in the midst; and where He is there is blessing, inspiration, counsel, and comfort. But the essential thing is that they meet in the name of Jesus. When "two or three" indifferent and careless ones meet together, and feel nothing and know nothing of the grace and power of God, the coming together is productive of no good. Two or three souls aflame with holy love never meet without meeting with the Master who says to them, "Peace be unto you."