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WHAT IS WORTH DOING AT ALL IS WORTH DOING WELL.

This motto is meant to apply in this particular case to the manner of conducting the business in our Circle, Committee, or Convention meetings. Some of our societies have businesslike presidents, some businesslike secretaries, some both, some neither. And sad indeed is the case of the last named. The popular defence of the unbusinesslike meeting is, "Oh, well, the spirit of the meeting is the important thing after all." It may be, and no doubt it is, very true that the spirit is the most important thing, but the beauty of it is, that a good spiritual atmosphere and parliamentary procedure are by no means incompatible. In fact, there is no doubt that for many of us the lack of the lesser is anything but conducive to the growth of the greater.

It is only too true that there are many officers of our Mission societies that do not understand thoroughly their rights, privileges and limitations. Where these officers are those who have not had an opportunity to learn the best methods and, in the face of much difficulty, are leading a few here and there is the extension of the Kingdom, we give them all honor and we think unfavorable criticism entirely out of place. But we sometimes find another class of officer, who knows that the motions are not always put to the meeting; sometimes they are not seconded; who does not see the use of reading those long minutes, and who

thinks discussion a waste of time. They say "women are not supposed to be businesslike, anyway,—what is the use of bothering."

In the first place, we would repeat as one of the very best mottoes we know the heading of this article, "What is worth doing at all is worth doing well." And, if for no other reason than that we have put our hands to the plow, let us see to it that every inch of our furrow is ploughed straight. But there is another thing—to those of whom we have just spoken, there will nine times out of ten come a day of reckoning. Misunderstandings will arise; funds will not balance; decisions will be reversed; complaints will be made; jealousies will flourish. And there will be nothing to appeal to and no strong guiding hand at the helm.

We may very well be assured that all these details of parliamentary procedure have some very good reason for their existence, and it will be very much easier to follow the path marked out for us, and so avoid the stumbling blocks, than take the opposite road and learn their "raison d'etre" through difficulty and entanglement.

And we need not fear that the spiritual ardor will be dampened. To do all things in decency and order, never "killed" a meeting yet. Mistakes will be made even with our best efforts, but "success does not consist in never making mistakes, but in never making the same mistake twice."