

In Memoriam.—With our jubilation is mingled mourning, not for the dear sister, Mrs. H. Mole, who was "promoted" from our ranks, Aug. 10th, but for the bereaved husband and four motherless children. And for the cause she so much loved and was so ready and able to aid. She was a great sufferer, she and her husband—an honorary—visiting Toronto last summer for treatment for cancer in the eye, but returning to yield, after a few weeks, to the ravages of the fearful malady. "God removes the workers, but the work goes on," her husband wishes her name retained on the membership list.

E. McCRAVEY, *Cor. Sec.*

Model Recording Secretary.

(A paper read at the Central Branch Meeting.)

A MODEL Recording Secretary will be always in her place. No officer has greater opportunities for making the meeting interesting, business-like and helpful. Her first duty is the keeping of the Minutes.

The reading of the Minutes as the first item of business, may affect the meeting throughout. If they are carelessly written and indifferently read, a jarring note is struck.

How often, at the close of a specially helpful and enthusiastic meeting, we have wished that the tone could be caught and held in some safe depository until the next meeting, so that we might begin in the same frame of mind as we left off. The Minutes should be this depository. Therefore, the Recording Secretary should not only keep a faithful record of all resolutions passed, and of all business transacted, but should endeavor, in a few well-chosen words, to condense and preserve the best of the thought and feeling of the meeting. Any encouraging feature should be recorded, as a new name added to the membership, an unusually large attendance, a donation received, etc. In a word, the Minutes should enable one not present at the meeting to form a definite idea of the business transacted, and to catch its spirit. They should be concisely written and distinctly read, and as they are the official record of the Society, they should be entered so as to be easy of reference.

She will keep a roll of the members; will call the roll at the time appointed by the President, and assist the Treasurer by entering on the roll the payment of fees.

She will read aloud *distinctly*, all resolutions or any papers that the presiding officer may wish brought before the meeting, and should be familiar with the business transacted at previous meetings, so as to call the attention of the President to any conflicting resolutions, etc.

She will give proper notice of all regular or special meetings of the Auxiliary or its Executive Committee. The notice of the regular meetings will be written attractively and prayerfully, and that each lady of the congregation may feel that *she* is personally invited. A stranger coming into the community and attending the church, should be sent a notice by letter, of the date on which the Auxiliary holds its regular meeting, and an invitation to attend.

She will assist the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer in the preparation of the annual report, and will notify new officers of their election.

If the Recording Secretary's earnest desire is to make the meetings successful and enjoyable, and have her Auxiliary take its true place in the church with which it is connected, she will find ways and means of making her office an aid to accomplish this end.

E. CARLISLE.

In Memoriam.

WOODSTOCK, ONT.—Our Auxiliary has been bereft again in the removal, by death, of Mrs. Rev. Ames who was president for the year 1891 and 1892. Her life was one devoted to her Master's service. She had implicit faith in prayer, and well do we remember her oft repeated words, "Let us pray about it." She truly possessed "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit." During her illness she was tenderly waited on by her children. She often spoke, when in health, of their loving thoughtfulness for her after they had homes of their own, and we cannot but feel that the words, "Her children rise up and call her blessed," are a very truth in our sainted mother's case. Among the floral decorations was a wreath from the Auxiliary.

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