

think it is a duty we owe, not only to ourselves, but to those who represent us on the Foreign Field.

Now let me say something about the duty we as members owe to our Auxiliaries. The first and most indispensable is to attend the meetings regularly. John McNeil says he does hate to preach to a lumber yard, meaning, I suppose, to empty benches. And what good member of our Auxiliary likes to look around on empty chairs? But how can these empty chairs be filled? There is no one best way of doing anything, and the way that suits in one place may not suit in another. But speaking from experience, I know of no improvement on the old Scripture method, "Go out and compel them to come in." Pulpit intimations, ending with the well worn phrase, "All are cordially invited to attend" seem to have lost their power. The people have become used to them. Five minutes' kindly talk will draw more women to an Auxiliary meeting than a dozen such announcements.

Now, assuming that the members are all present, the next thing is to try and do them some good when they are there. The devotional element should be kept well in the fore-ground. The praise should be hearty, and the Scripture selections well made. The presiding officer should not consider it beneath her dignity to make careful preparation beforehand. Nothing should be left to chance. Things are right when you put them right, and not any sooner. As many as possible should be encouraged to lead in prayer, and no one should if possible be permitted for one moment to feel that she is a mere spectator at the Auxiliary meeting.

It is impossible to attach too much importance to the Auxiliary meeting and its work. Just as the congregation is the basis of everything in the Church, so the Auxiliary is the basis of everything in our Society. Poorly attended Auxiliary meetings will soon tell on the Presbyterial Societies and on this