

eat no flesh while the world standeth," will throw aside pipe and cigar, and bring the money thus worse than wasted to help swell the now almost empty missionary treasuries? With the dawning of that hour one of the greatest hindrances to the spread of Christianity will be removed. Another more gigantic hindrance is the drink traffic. Canada's liquor bill is computed to be \$80,000,000 annually, or an average of \$16 per individual, while her average contribution to missions is *ten cents per individual*. Covetous hindrances! How many and how great they are! Let each member of the Woman's Missionary Society most earnestly pray for their speedy removal.

If we, as individual workers in the mission cause, could only realize the responsibilities of the present hour, surely we would redouble our diligence. We have no guarantee of length of days and of years stretching far into futurity in which to toil and labor, and yet we so often act as if we thought there were still many years ahead of us in which to redeem the time. Even if such were really the case, kindred opportunities will not occur, for "we shall not pass again this way." Then let us in the present give of our best to a work so God-honored as the missionary movement, looking upon opportunities of service as precious privileges, and use them as such; and may we each most heartily echo the following sentiment:

"The bread that bringeth strength I want to give,
The water pure that bids the thirsty live;
I want to help the fainting day by day;
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.

"I want to give to others hope and faith;
I want to do all that the Master saith;
I want to live aright from day to day;
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way."

A Twilight Talk with Discouraged Workers.

"**F**EAR thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

How refreshing to our physical being the cool and subdued light of the twilight hour after the heat and glare of noon-tide! There are those gathered with us this evening who, if we may judge by their faces, have been literally bearing "the burden and heat of the day." Faithful but tired workers, how thankful we would be if you to-night, were as spiritually and mentally refreshed and invigorated through our quite talk as we each expect physically to become through the calm and repose of the twilight!

We did not finish our discussion last month upon the duties devolving upon those holding the Presidential office. We hope we shall not further discourage the discouraged ones by their enumeration; what we would fain aim at, is a lightening of their responsibilities through a knowledge of the many little things which combine to form successful Presidential work.

A President should not expect from her co-workers hearty responses during the devotional half-hour if she is too timid to lift her own voice in audible prayer. "Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it," is a promise without restriction or limitation; will you not, dear, timid Presidents, test its all-sufficiency? The overcoming of this, your natural weakness, may therefore become a tower of strength, a source of inspiration to other timid souls.

We wonder how many Presidents, who have to regretfully acknowledge their inefficiency as presiding officers, have endeavoured to thoroughly acquaint themselves with the rules governing parliamentary procedure? We have all attended meetings conducted in such an unbusiness-like slipshod way—no order or method governing any of the details—that it detracted in no small manner from the good we might have gathered and carried away with us. On the other hand, have we not all been privileged to attend gatherings, the Presiding Officers of which were so thoroughly conversant with necessary modes of procedure, that every detail of business possessed a charm which compelled our closest attention? This evening we have in our mind's eye one President in particular who, not despising the day of small things, made a most careful study of what some might deem non-essential details, but it has all gone to form a perfect whole. The meetings over which she presides we consider model ones; a master-hand is at the helm, intuitively understanding just where the dangerous shoals and rocks of debate lie, and guiding those taking part into clear waters again. This, of course, requires a great amount of tact, but in this, as in every other thing, practice will eventually make perfect.

The Presiding Officer who endeavors to "do all things decently and in order," will insist upon due respect being paid the Chair, and will see that those speaking first address it, and obtain recognition therefrom. It will be surprising in how short a time the majority will naturally fall into line, and how few breaches will occur in the observance of this simple rule.

The successful auxiliary President thoroughly familiarises herself with the constitution of our Woman's Missionary Society, thereby being able to settle speedily and quietly many little questionable points that may arise, and also avoiding the dread stigma of being termed "unconstitutional."

You will find it a most invaluable aid to your work to study your report faithfully, find out what other auxiliaries and branches are doing; where our missionaries are stationed and the work projected or accomplished by them; the amount raised per annum by our society, not forgetting to note the steady increase. You cannot afford to do without the information you will glean from this source.

Do not wait until you reach the auxiliary to make out your programme; have it all arranged beforehand, and down in black and white. Be most careful to observe the proper order of business as found in the Report, and be just as particular about closing on