

In a moment of failure hold fast, have a care,
Keep thy faith in good work, for the right is still there;
And the labour of life unto others shall call,
Lend a hand; love is all!

In a moment of triumph hold fast to thy share,
Keep at work in good faith, for the right is still there;
And the life of thy labour 'tis thine to command,
Love is all! lend a hand!

—Charles W. Stevenson.

Hope not the cure of sin till Self is dead;
Forget it in Love's service, and the debt
Thou canst not pay the angels shall forget.
—Whittier.

The W.C.T.U. of Japan and the War.

The *Union Signal* for Dec. 29 contains an interesting account of the Japan W.C.T.U. department of work for soldiers. Mrs Fuki Shimidzu is the National Superintendent, and her hands and those of her coadjutors are now tully occupied in sending "comfort bags" to the soldiers at the front. Six hundred of these bags were at first made as an experiment, and were sent to men in the navy, as the War Department at that time refused to accept them for the army. A little later, however, when the worth of the bags had been proved by the naval men, word was received that the War Department would receive them for the soldiers and would furnish free transportation. The work then began in earnest. About six hundred bags a day are turned over to the men who do the packing; and the Department has issued orders that only the bags sent by the W.C.T.U. are to be received. It is needless to say that among the "comforts" placed in each bag is a supply of literature.

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The Trials of a Business Manager

Varied are the epistles that find their way to the Business Manager's desk. Not a few present, with stamps or cash for subscriptions due, such kindly messages of goodwill that quite a friendship is felt for the distant and personally unknown sender. The majority are clear and business like, giving all needed information. But among the pile are some not so satisfactory. Here is one stating that a "friend" does not receive her or his paper regularly, but, strangely enough, giving neither the friend's nor the writer's name or address. How the aforesaid writer expects the matter to be looked into in the absence of these particulars it is a little difficult to determine. In the hope, however, that this may reach the eye of the anonymous correspondent, the Business Manager would like to say that all names and addresses are carefully entered in the address book; that after being written on the address wrappers they are carefully checked by two persons. Once delivered to the postal authorities the Business Manager's responsibility of course ends, and she does not see how greater care can be taken unless she were to make a tour of the colony and personally deliver every copy. If the unknown correspondent can make any suggestion in the matter it will be welcomed.

As a suggestion to any who may find themselves without their paper it may be well to point out one or two of the ways in which it has been ascertained copies have strayed (or stayed). Husbands have actually been known to accumulate in their business premises whole piles of papers addressed to their wives; husbands' clerks have been known to cast them aside rather than perform their task of delivering the whole of the mail which passed through their hands. Instructions have sometimes been given by unauthorised persons to stop the paper, leaving the subscriber to wonder whether the publication had ceased. But the most common cause of irregularity is doubtless insufficient address or neglect to notify change of address. Sometimes the papers, after a lengthened round, find their way back to the publishing office marked "not found," and shortly after, perhaps, a note arrives, from a new address, protesting at the non receipt of the paper. These are some of the many occurrences that interfere with the regular delivery of our paper.

The Business Manager would specially urge that the fact of non-receipt of the paper be promptly notified. Enquiries will then be made