

Mr. President & Friends,

Two weeks ago - when  
asked to prepare some  
little thing - for the next  
Budget - a month hence

The thought flashed  
through my mind -

that "Modern Martyrs"  
should claim the  
attention of the Club -  
during the five min-  
utes allotted to me -

But - I assure you  
I little thought - that  
I should in reality  
come in direct touch

with so <sup>2</sup>many "modern  
martyrs, as are here  
to night - both "fore  
and aft" the scenes.

The audience to listen  
to an entertainment  
prepared on such  
short notice - The  
actors - all busy none  
to present anything -  
not up to their best -

Truly we are all martyrs  
and need pity -

The difference between  
the martyrs of old - and  
those of to-day - is -

They died - we live -  
It is an easy thing to  
die, for ones convictions  
when the world is dark  
and enthusiasm runs  
riot, yes - die with a  
smile on <sup>ones</sup> face -  
feeling that <sup>ones</sup> <sup>hopes</sup>  
will be realized in  
the unseen world.

But - to live - with  
the smile on face  
when the sting of failure  
in any line - makes life  
for the time being - a blank

