

tian life along practical lines. Let the Class-room be pleasant, bright, clean and well ventilated. Every device to increase the attractiveness of the Class, and every method used, should contribute to the development of the spirituality of the members. The cultivation of spiritual life should be the end aimed at by the Class-meeting, in which the members, with the Leader, should alike feel responsible and take interest. Solid profit, and not mere good feelings, should be the effect. "When good sentiments are excited which do not impel into good practice, the effect upon the soul is most disastrous." We shall return to this subject in our next issue, and give more in detail suggestions for varying the conducting of Class.

APPLIED CHRISTIANITY.

A CHANGE has come over the world's conception concerning Christianity in our time. The standard of judgment is by creeds, not deeds; by doctrines, not practice. A theoretical age has been succeeded by a practical, and instead of defining principles men are engaged in applying them. Creeds and dogmas, though necessary, are becoming monumental. The world is looking on the Churches, not to find out the creed believed, but to see the work done. Humanity is hungering for a Christ Christianity rather than for an orthodox Churchianity. The inevitable conclusion must be, that the Church of the future will be the Church that most successfully applies the principles of Christianity to man's present needs, and makes the Church to be a practical organization looking to the good of man's body as well as soul, and working to establish the kingdom of heaven in this world. Whatever will assist to such results is a matter of interest, and deserves special attention. Methods of Church work should, therefore, be for the application of Christianity to practical life. "The Problem of the Modern City Church," in the October *Andover Review*, by Rev. C. A. Dickinson, contains some excellent practical suggestions. He divides the community into three classes; the regular, the semi-occasional, and the non-church goers. He thinks that our preaching and methods are too exclusively for