

are a member of a disheartened Auxiliary, order this leaflet, and read it at the next meeting. You will there see how all the excuses—even those which seem to be reasonable to ourselves—would sound, if uttered in the immediate presence of the Lord Jesus. In the quaint language of the writer, “How flimsy they would look, and how we’d hate to take up them excuses to the judgment bar of God. We wouldn’t get ’em off our tongues there as glib as we do now,”—and yet, “we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,” and excuses that will not stand *then* cannot be accepted *now*. God grant that “the responsibility of not doing” may so rest on our consciences that “we may do with our might what our hands find to do” till the Master shall call us home.

“**The Deacon’s Week.**” Most of our leaflets are exclusively missionary in their aim, but as everything which lifts the soul nearer to God also draws it closer to the suffering heart of humanity, so anything which tends to make the heart purer and the daily Christian life more practical must be of the greatest value in our work.

In the above mentioned leaflet a discouraged pastor, instead of announcing the usual week of prayer, asks his congregation for a week of practice in its place—taking the same topics for each day as were those of the week of prayer. Monday—Temperance, to be temperate in speech and action. Tuesday—Sunday-school work, teachers to visit all their absent scholars. Wednesday—fellowship day, to be friendly with those who might be unfriendly, healing up all breaches, confessing their faults, etc., and so on until Saturday, which was set apart for missionary work.

On Saturday evening they met to compare notes, one being chosen by ballot to give his full experience, and we venture to say that Deacon Simmon’s confession will find an echo in the heart out of every Christian who has earnestly tried to make Christianity practical. No one can read this leaflet and forget it, or fail to receive benefit from it.

It is something you would instinctively lay by after perusal to be lent to some dear friend that she might receive the same blessing which its reading has brought to you. If you can only send for one copy let some member read it aloud in the Auxiliary meeting and you will all receive a lift heavenward.