

DUTIES

OF THE

CHURCH MEMBER TO THE CHURCH.

 HIS little Manual is intended to awaken attention and to serve as a guide to the chief duties which each of its members owes to the church. Many persons become connected with the church, and are members of it for years, without seeming to recognize the claims it has upon them. They do not reflect upon the obligations which this relation imposes sufficiently to be led to make even an effort for their performance.

It is not proposed to point out all the duties which devolve upon believers to God, to the world and to their own souls, *but simply those which rest upon them as church members and to the church.* These duties are either taught by the Word of God, or are involved in the relationship existing between the church and its members. Each church member is urged to read thoughtfully the suggestions here given, to reflect upon them with self-application, and to regard them as hints opening the way to fuller views of those momentous relations which he sustains to the Church of the living God.

DUTY I.

TO PRAY FOR THE CHURCH.

The duty of prayer is placed at the head of the list of duties devolving upon the members of the church because, when it is faithfully performed, other duties become easy and more likely to be fulfilled.

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