

The devotional exercises should make it possible for as many members as possible to take part. The class should be a school of prayer and praise.

The studies should be elective, and should include everything that is referred to in the previous section. They will comprise, amongst their topics:

1. Systematic study of the sacred Scriptures.
2. Topical studies.
3. Study of doctrines.
4. Study of church history.

In addition to the Bible studies there might be reading of current literature directly conducive to spiritual growth. There should also be time given to a discussion of modern heresies. Yet, too much time need not be given to this. The man who is in active service is not likely to be drifted about by every wind of doctrine. Positive teaching is always better than negative.

The practical side of the work should constitute a review of all that is being done by the church in its various fields of activity, and should quicken the members in the performance of their duties in the home, the church, the state and the vocation. There should be reports, practical instruction and free discussion upon such topics as:

1. The Christian in the home.
2. The Christian in business.
3. The Christian as a citizen.
4. The Christian as an evangelist.
5. The Christian as steward.
6. Home Missions.
7. Foreign Missions.
8. Philanthropy.
9. Social and moral reform.

These topics should be dealt with in a practical manner. There should be a minimum of theory and a wealth of information. And every lesson should lead directly to some practical action which should be reported upon later. In short, the members of the class should come together to receive their "fighting orders."