

discover their weak points and know if we are really fulfilling the end of our being. By discovering our mistakes and the weak parts of our character, we are able to remedy defects and do better in the future, and profiting by past experiences make the next month better than the last.

II. How should the consecration meeting be conducted ?

1. The roll call ; when should this take place ? Practice seems to differ. With some it is at the close of the meeting and is a part by itself. With others it is during the meeting, and when the members answer their names they are also expected to speak of their religious life during the past month. The latter seems the better way. It saves time and secures to each member an opportunity of speaking. It need not be a stiff, formal thing, after a few names are called a hymn may be sung or a prayer offered, and thus the sameness of the meeting will be broken. The person presiding can do much by a few pointed remarks thrown in from time to time to make the meeting fresh and lively.

2. Speaking of the religious life of the past month. This is expected of every member ; all should strive to do it. The mere reading of a passage of Scripture may be very impressive and helpful at times, but too often it is a mere refuge to which the idle, careless, member flees to escape a duty which may be a little difficult. All should try to speak of their experience in their own words. It is a duty we owe to our Master and to each other. A few words thus spoken may be of untold good to others present. They may be fighting the same battles we have won, and it may be a great stimulus and encouragement to them to know how we gained the victory. If members are timid and do not