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What are the Deacons Doing? [J. H. Mills at the Green River Association—selected from the Minutes.]

What are the deacons of your churches doing? Are they doing the bread and wine; and is this all? If so, the office should be abolished.

Let me suggest that one be made treasurer, three to look after the inside, and three the outside. I believe a deacon has the right to preach.

If your poor totting brother has no coat get him one. The rich are met by the usher at the door and conducted to the best seats; the poor are neglected at the churches and on the streets.

I knew a man by the name of Bell who kept a mill. He was very popular, but he died. His family now are very poor. I want to know how you would furnish a poor family with four cents. They do not attend church now.

I knew a stinky Baptist once who charged Dr. Watson one dollar for riding a few miles with him in his buggy to an association. In 1873 he and his wife were both dead, and his grand children are now in the Orphan Asylum at Oxford.

What are the deacons of that church doing? I hired a man to chop wood who did not attend church because he was a deacon. I have heard of a man who was a deacon and who was a very poor man.

What are the deacons of that church doing? I have many things to regret with reference to my action, raised my indignation during this time. Hunt up your poor and provide for their wants. We are crazy over numbers.

We need more workers, more preachers, more liberality, more zeal. I heard a Jewish Rabbi say in a speech that, "The Jews were the first to give a salary to their priests. They are ahead of us in these matters. But I did not intend to talk so long."

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A PRACTICAL DISCOURSE.

BY C. H. SPURGEON.

"A month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home."—1 Kings v. 24.

It was right that when a temple was to be built for the Lord God of Israel, the Israelites should take their fair share in the building of it. Therefore a levy was made, and a certain number of men were chosen to work Lebanon.

I am about to draw from this text two lessons. The first is, "Look at you and I ought to be rendering service to the Lord our God, and assisting to build up his spiritual temple; but, secondly, that while we labor abroad, we also are to be engaged to watch over our own households and our own souls."

First, then, we are bound to do service for our King—service for the living temple of our God. It is not enough for us to say, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore I am saved;" that is not the end of it all, else religion were a grand piece of selfishness.

Our souls may not be hooped in with our own ribs. Absorption in our own safety and neglect of others would betray a spirit directly opposite to that of Jesus and his true disciples.

No, brethren; as the Father sent his Son into the world, even so has he sent into the world his servants, to be a blessing to our fellows. Our life-work is to prepare living stones which may be built upon the one foundation to be a habitation of God through the Spirit.

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