

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Prayer Meeting Topic for the Week Beginning July 3.

Topic—Ways of consecrating ourselves to our country.—Rom. xiii, 1-7; 1 Pet. ii, 13-17.

Christianity was predetermined of God to be a universal religion. It does not therefore advocate any particular form of human government...

How may we therefore as Christian citizens celebrate this anniversary of our country's birthday by consecrating ourselves to our country?

1. Let us consecrate ourselves to our country by respecting its government. God teaches us to respect human governments even though the occupants of official positions may be personally unworthy.

2. Let us consecrate ourselves to our country by participating in its government. Ours is self government, and every citizen should take his part in it...

3. Let us consecrate ourselves to our country by supporting good measures and in opposing evil ones, and if called upon to do so, holding office under the government.

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Sure Signs of Summer.

When the farmer ricks his hay in a rick-ohet. And the rooster ricks the roost with his wings. When the hoppers hop in hops as they try to get to the top. When the fly has laid an egg she seeks to get to the coop. Ah, these are signs of summer from the summer-lands sublime. When every day is Sunday "In the Good Old Summer Time."

When the gad-fly stings his flanges in the nose. When the mosquito bites his nose in the nose. When the caterpillar crawls in the dandelion's bow. When the politician in the Senate contains a Mormon. And the Mormon women mourn for more "Lider" berry pie. When the "Lider" berry pie is gone. O, then it is that summertime has come once to stay. And the summer girl shall with silence steal away.

When the beetle blows the baprio just to wats the fish brand. And the water of the rick-ohet shall root up this happy land. When the rick-ohet is all get ready for the nation's game of ball. When the rick-ohet is all get ready for the nation's game of ball. Ah, these are signs of summer from the summer-lands sublime. When every day is Sunday "In the Good Old Summer Time."

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IT IS A MATTER OF HEALTH

ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Absolutely Pure. THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE. HINTS FOR FARMERS. Food for Young Chickens. The question of food for the newly hatched chicks is an important one in order that the young fowls may be started right.

People of the Day. Member of Grant's Cabinet. James N. Tynen, former associate attorney general for the postoffice department, whose trial at Washington in connection with the postoffice scandals has attracted wide attention, has been a prominent figure at the national capital for more than a quarter of a century.

Use of the Disk Plow. That the disk will ever take the place of the drag plow I am not willing to admit, for nothing has been invented that will do just what the drag plow does, says a Rural New Yorker correspondent.

Buying Stock Swine. Never buy an animal simply because he has a pedigree and because he is on sale at a low price, says American Cultivator. Pedigree alone does not constitute merit, for there are animals with pedigrees a foot long which would ruin any herd into which they were introduced.

Part Was in Cash. The recent remark of a United States senator about the "ace" led Representative Sulzer of New York to recall a poker game long ago when money was so plentiful as it is now and when expectations figured largely in the assets of the then budding legislator and his associates.

King Peter of Servia. The recent visit of King Peter I. of Serbia to the United States minister to Greece, Romania and Servia, to Belgrade to present his credentials to King Peter I. was the first recognition by this government of the present occupant of the Serbian throne.

New Uses of Telephone. Clearly and sweetly the words of the famous old hymn "How firm a foundation" came to the ears of the patients in the Samaritan Hospital, Philadelphia on a recent Sunday. Dr. Russell Conwell had caused the hospital to be connected with the city by means of telephones, and, with megaphones strung in front of the pulpit and receivers in the hospital wards, the singing of the choruses and the words of the sermon were distinctly heard by the patients.

Reflection on Him. The author of the remark, "Time will tell," was confronted by Time himself. "Look here," said the old gentleman, "don't you know you will get people all mixed up about me? I'm no woman."—Judge.

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CHAS. E. HERING, Westminster, Md. MAHOGANY FURNITURE. The Way to Get It Clean and Give It a High Polish. An experienced housewife gives the following directions for polishing mahogany: First wash thoroughly with weak vinegar and water to remove all stains and dust, dry carefully and rub well with a mixture prepared in this way: Put into a tin two ounces of linseed oil and one ounce of kerosene, and stand this in another pan full of boiling water till the wax is all melted and the whole well colored with the kerosene; strain it, and when cool add one gill each of spirits of turpentine and vinegar, mix well together and use. Apply this very thinly with a bit of flannel, rubbing it sharply all the way of the grain till rubbed in; then rub again with another clean flannel, and, lastly, with an old silk handkerchief. The great secret in polishing furniture is to apply a very little polish, with a large amount of rubbing; it is to this the "sage" of the furniture trade, who has been in the business for so long, admiring an antique furniture, is due. Another excellent polish is made in putting into a bottle half a pint each of turps and linseed oil, and one gill each of methylated spirits and vinegar, shaking these well together till thoroughly mixed. Always remember to shake the bottle well before using.

BEAD CANDLE SHADES. They Are Easily Made and Produce a Charming Effect. Two pretty candlesticks and shades are here shown. These beautiful shades are made at home out of beads strung and hung over a wire frame. They may be strung in a pattern, a design, or they may be strung from one color. The effect is candy-like. The shade at the left is of red and green beads. The one at the right is of white beads with a green fringe. After one string is made, the second string is threaded into the beads of the preceding row, the third into the second, and so on, each bead thereby being caught by two threads, one connecting it with a neighbor on one side and one on the other.

Made of Bamboo. In a house where I visited recently I saw all sorts of useful things made from bamboo—supports for small tables, footstools, bookcases and curtain poles. Sometimes the bamboo was split. Then it made a neat finish to the cretonne covered seats of a chair. A colored matting had been transformed into a durable splasher or backing to a corner seat. The mistress of the pretty little house, who is an adept with hammer and nails, told me that every bit of bamboo she had from the handle of a discarded broom. "A bamboo handled broom," she explained, "is so light and easy to use; besides, it costs no more than a heavier one. I have when the broom is worn out I then have a handle to make into some thing or other."—Good Housekeeping.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT. A certain high official of the state had repeatedly missed money from his study, and the theft if theft it were, was always committed on a Sunday. The gentleman, who was very well known at Scotland Yard by reason of his position, applied for the assistance of an officer in elucidating the mystery, and I was appointed to help him. We talked the matter over at Scotland Yard and agreed that it looked uncommonly like a case of dishonesty on the part of some member of the household who had means of obtaining access to the study of the master of the house on Sunday afternoons. Obviously the best course to pursue would be to set a watch upon the room in the absence of its owner. But how was this to be done? If any stranger were known to be in the house the

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Western Maryland R. R. Main Line. Schedule in effect June 19th, 1904. Table with columns for Read down, STATIONS, and Read Up. Stations include Cherry Run, Big Pool, Hagerstown, etc.

Treatment of Prunus Fruit Trees. Reports as to damage to fruit trees by frost, especially in New York and New England, have been somewhat conflicting. Professor Vail, pathologist in charge of investigations of the damage to the orchards in the Hudson and Connecticut river valleys concluded that the damage is usually peached, Japanese plum and pear trees, and the most serious harm is confined to the lower levels and pockets. He visited the orchards around Marlboro and Milton on the Hudson river and also those located at South Glastonbury, Conn., and found in conversation with the growers that, as a rule, they over-estimated the damage. In several cases orchards were already cut down which would probably have recovered if given proper treatment.

Additional trains leave Baltimore for Union Bridge and Intermediate Stations at 10:12 a. m., 10:42 a. m., 11:12 a. m., 11:42 a. m., 12:12 p. m., 12:42 p. m., 1:12 p. m., 1:42 p. m., 2:12 p. m., 2:42 p. m., 3:12 p. m., 3:42 p. m., 4:12 p. m., 4:42 p. m., 5:12 p. m., 5:42 p. m., 6:12 p. m., 6:42 p. m., 7:12 p. m., 7:42 p. m., 8:12 p. m., 8:42 p. m., 9:12 p. m., 9:42 p. m.

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