

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning Oct. 3, 1909.

By REV. S. H. DOTY. Topic.—Life lessons for me from the book of Ephesians.—Eph. iv, 1-4, 20-22.

Inasmuch as the title of this book is not found in some manuscripts and further that it contains no personal salutations, Ephesians is thought by some to have been a circular letter, sent first to Ephesus and then to be read in other churches of Asia Minor.

This was not uncommon with the Apostle Paul. In Col. iv, 16, he instructs the Colossians after reading their letter to send it to Laodicea and also for them to read his letter to the Laodiceans.

But while we may not hold this opinion we can see from the character of the Epistle that it was well adapted for such a purpose.

Ephesians was not written because of any peculiar difficulties in the church at Ephesus. It is a strong, stimulating letter to gentle Christians encouraging them to "walk worthy of their high calling."

For those at Ephesus it was a difficult matter to live a sincere Christian life. Ephesus was the great port of Asia Minor. Its people were rich and licentious and fanatical.

There was the statue of the goddess Diana, and their religious fanaticism was seen when in a demonstration against Paul thousands cried out for hours, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"

But the Ephesians must have been faithful, even amid such unfavorable surroundings, for Paul has no word of censure or condemnation for them as for the Corinthians. They should thus teach us a great lesson.

Mutual Benefit Column.

EDITED BY "AUNT MADGE". Its Motto: "Helpful and Hopeful."

The purposes of this column are succinctly stated in the title and motto—it is for the mutual benefit, and aims to be helpful and hopeful.

It is for the common good, it is for the common use—a public servant, a purveyor of information and suggestion, a medium for the interchange of ideas.

In this capacity it solicits communications, and its success depends largely on the support given it in this respect.

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"THEY SAY." "They say!" Ah, well, suppose they do! But can they prove the story true?

"They say!" Oh, pause and look within—See how thine heart inclines to sin; And lest, in dark temptation's hour,

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Dear Members of the M. B. Columns: I am sorry you could not all be at the reunion to receive Zilla's hearty welcome to her lovely new cottage.

N. L. H., I was glad to hear a message from you, for it recalled many years ago when I was a teacher in a little school in our native town and you visited us for an afternoon.

And, Aunt Emma, I am sorry you are enduring a visit of the buffalo bugs. Thirteen years ago I discovered that a room which had a red carpet on the floor was full of them.

Next day when the smoke had cleared away no buffalo bugs were to be found, and I have seen no traces of them there since.

During the rest of that summer and for several summers following, once a week we religiously shook, over a white sheet, every garment in the first floor, clothespresses, and once in a great while were rewarded for our diligence by finding a bug, but now-a-days we pay no attention to them, and I do not know we have any.

There may be other cures for buffalo bugs, but I am sure a strong sulphur smoke is one. I do hope that you who are suffering from the pests will soon be rid of them. Sincerely yours, D.

I am sure Aunt Emma will be glad of these directions, and those who are not troubled with buffalo bugs will enjoy the letter and be glad to hear again from D. AUNT MADGE.

A QUEER INVESTMENT.

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Billy Moreton was born reckless. Reckless people usually expect other people to be reckless. Billy expected this. They are usually generous and expect their friends to be generous.

One night he was sitting in a gambling house when a man stepped up to him and handed him a letter from one John Ripley. The letter stated that the man, Peter Stevenson, wanted some money with which to engage in a speculative pursuit.

Moreton read the letter and without looking up at Stevenson shoved ten dollars' worth of chips on to the faro board before him, saying, "If this wins I'll go with you." There were winnings for awhile; then the pile was reduced and added to for an hour, when the \$10 had grown to \$250.

"That'll do," said Stevenson. "I can get on with that." Moreton passed \$250 over to him and without taking an acknowledgment of any kind went on with his game.

The next thing Billy did was to fall in love. It not only happened that he fell in love when the tide had turned against him, but his girl had the good sense to act upon the fact that he was one of those men who know nothing of the value of money till there is no chance for them to get any.

From that day there was a great change in Billy Moreton. He scraped together a little cash (borrowed from friends he had loaned money to or money repaid by them) and went into business for himself.

It is hard to stamp out a natural weakness. In other words, "bray a fool in a mortar and he is still a fool." One day a friend of Billy's came to him to ask a favor.

It turned out to be the old story. The man for whom he had indorsed failed to pay the note, and Billy was notified. Within a few days a sheriff would walk into his premises, both business and home, and Billy and his family would walk out.

On the evening he received this information his wife had gone home early. At 7 o'clock he locked up his little store and walked slowly toward his home in doubt whether to commit suicide or tell his wife that he had acted without her concurrence and had ruined himself, her and their little kid.

"Mr. Moreton, I believe?" "That's my name." "William D. Moreton?" "You're right again."

"You may not remember it, but three years ago you advanced me some money for—" "I'm not advancing money any more. What I've done has ruined me. You must excuse me."

"You wouldn't grab stake a man, would you, while he is hunting up a gold mine?" "No, I wouldn't. Among the many asinine transactions of my life I am happy to say I never was fool enough for that. You can't get a cent out of me, for I haven't got it to give even if I would. So long?"

"Would you mind giving me a receipt for \$17,000?" "What \$17,000?" Billy looked up, puzzled.

Among the Grangers.

This column is devoted to the Grange, especially to the granges of Hancock county. The column is open to all grangers for the discussion of topics of general interest, and for reports of grange meetings.

Thursday, Sept. 30—Hancock Pomona grange with Rainbow grange, North Brooksville. Saturday, Oct. 2—Annual meeting of Hancock Pomona grange with East Bluehill grange.

GREEN MOUNTAIN POMONA, 26. Program for meeting of Green Mountain Pomona to be held with Pamola grange, Hancock, Saturday, Oct. 16:

Opening in form Singing..... Choir Address of welcome..... A I Foss Response..... George B Scammon Report of granges Paper..... Nancy Young, Pamola Confering fifth degree

PAMOLA, 265, HANCOCK. Pamola grange held its regular meeting Saturday evening, Sept. 25, with good attendance. Committees have been appointed and arrangements are being made to entertain Pomona grange Oct. 16.

ARBUTUS, 450, SURRY. Arbutus grange met in regular session Friday evening, Sept. 24, with the average attendance, and visitors from East Bluehill grange. One candidate was instructed in the third and fourth degrees.

HARVEST HOME, 403, WEST ELLSWORTH. Harvest Home grange met Sept. 25, Overseer James W. Carter presiding. After business recess was declared. Grange was called to order with Henry Glass in the chair, and the first and second degrees were conferred on one candidate.

EAST BLUEHILL, 252. East Bluehill grange held its regular meeting Saturday evening, Sept. 18, with thirty-seven members and four visitors present. One candidate was instructed in the first and second degrees.

SEDGWICK, 244. Sedgwick grange met Sept. 17, after the summer recess. Attendance small. A regular meeting was held Sept. 24, when an application for membership was received. The program included music and reading. Members present, fourteen, and one visitor from East Bluehill grange.

LAKE VIEW, 451, HAPPYTOWN. Lake View grange held its regular meeting Sept. 25, with worthy master in the chair. Nineteen members and one visitor from New Century grange present. One new member was elected.

SEAGIRT, 471, SOUTH DEER ISLE. Regular meeting of Seagirt grange was held Sept. 25. The grange has had no meetings for some months, but all look forward to good meetings through the winter. The program included a song by Bros. Bye and Stinson; readings by worthy lecturer and worthy steward, and story by worthy master. After a few remarks by Bro. Stinson, the grange closed.

HIGHLAND, 364, NORTH PENOBSCOT. Owing to bad weather there was not a large attendance at Highland grange Friday evening, but an interesting meeting was held. The fair was discussed and considered a great success. After recess the third and fourth degrees were conferred on one candidate. A good program was presented, consisting of readings, stories, conundrums and a solo by Mrs. Ames.

SCHOODIC, 408, WINTER HARBOR. The field-day meeting held in the Myrick field, Jordan's drive, Sept. 23, owing to the bad weather, was not largely attended, though all who went report a

ELLSWORTH MARKETS.

The quotations below give the range of retail prices in Ellsworth.

Table with 2 columns: Country Produce, Butter, Creamery per lb., Dairy, Eggs, Fresh laid, per doz.

Table with 2 columns: Vegetables, Potatoes, pk, Turnips, lb, Beets, lb, Lettuce, head, Tomatoes, lb, Celery, bunch, Shell beans, pk, Sweet potatoes, lb, Gr tomatoes, pk.

Table with 2 columns: Fruit, Oranges, doz, Pineapples, doz, Apples, per b, Pears, per b, Peaches, per b, Plums, per b, Cherries, per b, Small fruits, per b.

Table with 2 columns: Meats and Provisions, Beef, lb, Pork, lb, Bacon, lb, Lard, lb, Butter, lb, Eggs, doz, Fish, lb, Oysters, qt.

Table with 2 columns: Flour, Grain and Feed, Flour—per bbl, Corn, 100 lb bag, Oats, 100 lb bag, Rye, 100 lb bag, Barley, 100 lb bag, Middlings, bag.

LAW REGARDING WEIGHTS AND MEASURES. A bushel of Liverpool salt shall weigh 56 pounds, and a bushel of Turk's Island salt shall weigh 48 pounds.

WINTER HARBOR. Mrs. Lucy Rice, an aged lady of this place, died Sept. 24, after an illness of some months.

H. E. Tracy is building a boathouse near Reuben Rand's lumber yard for Mr. Ginn, of Boston.

Mrs. C. A. and Geneva Miliken, who have been in Bar Harbor through the summer, are home.

Work on the new school building is progressing rapidly under the management of F. E. Weston, and we begin to feel that in the near future we shall have the much-needed room for our schools.

They Didn't Have to Change. During the years in which our pure food laws have been put into effect there has been a great hurrying and scurrying on the part of the food manufacturers to change their methods to make them conform to the law.

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