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Calendar for September.

- 5—12th Sunday after Trinity. *Morning*—1 Kings xlii. to v. 41; 1 Cor. xiv. v. 20. *Evening*—2 Kings ii. to v. 16; or iv. v. 8 to 38; Mark vii. to v. 24.
12—13th Sunday after Trinity. *Morning*—2 Kings v.; 2 Cor. iv. *Evening*—2 Kings vi. to v. 24; or vii.; Mark xi. to v. 27.
19—14th Sunday after Trinity. *Morning*—2 Kings ix.; 2 Cor. xi. to v. 30. *Evening*—2 Kings x. to v. 32; or xiii.; Mark xiv. v. 53. xix. v. 15; 2 Cor. xii. v. 14, and xiii. *Evening*—1 Chron. xxix. to v. 20; Mark xv. v. 42; and xvi.
26—15th Sunday after Trinity. *Morning*—2 Kings xviii.; Gal. iv. v. 21 to v. v. 13. *Evening*—2 Kings xix. or xxiii. to v. 31; Luke ii. v. 21.
29—St. Michael and All Angels'. —*Morning*—Gen. xxxii; Acts xii. v. 5 to 13. *Evening*—Dan. x. v. 4; Rev. xiv. v. 14.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

Are we servants of the Master,
Waiting at His side,
Seeking, with a deeper longing,
Closer to abide?
He will ever richly bless
All who thus confide.

Are we honouring the Master,
Owning His command?
Do we raise His banner boldly,
And unflinching stand?
He will keep the loyal hearts
Sheltered by His Hand.

Are we looking to the Master
In the earthly race?
Daily trials and vexations
Need His special grace;
And sweet calm and strength are given
When we seek His face.

Are we working for the Master
In our life's brief day,
With an earnest zeal and courage,
Trusting as we pray?
He will crown all faithful toil
In the realms of Day?

—E. Gertrude Barnes-Lawrence.

SEPTEMBER brings before our minds the thoughts of fruitfulness, —in orchard and garden will be seen the various kinds of fruit that so abound in many parts of our fair land.

We trust that many readers of PARISH and HOME will be *fruitbearers*, that their lives will be rich in that fruit which is so pleasant to look upon, and to the taste, and which is also for the healing of the nations. How

disappointing it is to have a tree that year after year bears no fruit, and how natural for the owner to say, "Cut it down, why cumbereth it the ground"; and if of a *tree*, how much more of a *life* that has been trained and cultivated and cultured and yet brings forth no fruit.

On the other hand what more beautiful or inspiring than to see a life fruitful in all good works, bringing forth abundantly that which will bless, strengthen, and be for the good of men and glory of God. Our Lord Jesus Christ tells us how we may be rich and fruitful. He says (John 15 : 5) "He that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit." Looking unto Christ, abiding in Him, and letting him lead us, we are sure to be fruitful, fruitbearing Christians. What glorious possibilities are ours if we only abide in Christ!

A PLACE for everything, and everything in its place; a time for everything and everything at its time, is the secret of many a man's success in life while failure to observe this rule is the secret of non-success. Everything about us teaches the need of system. The Creator had system in creation; every blade of grass, every shrub, every insect, every animal, every revolving sphere of the universe has a plan. In the record of creation God gives to each day its own work. To be systematic is to be followers of God in His methods of work.

BUT in human experience we see the need of system—how would our railroads and steamboats give satisfactory service without the time table? How would schools and colleges be successful without programmes of

work for the day and the year? How would a business get along if system was forgotten, each clerk doing a little of each work in the office, no foreman in the work-shop, no special job for each workman? To-day in view of the extreme specialization in all departments of life the one who does not fit himself into the system of modern activity and civilization will be a failure.

To bind ourselves by certain rules and submit to them day by day till we almost become machines may be irksome, but it is part of the price of success and must be paid. It may seem hard to be compelled to be in the office at 8 o'clock each day and go through the same routine of duty for six days in the week, year in and year out, but it must be done if we would succeed. The manager must submit to these rules no less than the junior, the employer as well as the employee. The one who learns this earliest in life, submitting to system and demanding system is the one who, other things being equal, will succeed, whether a mechanic, a business man or a professional man.

How much we might do in witnessing for the Master if we were only more courageous. Last winter a tall, fine young fellow was enjoying a game in a curling rink; all went well until one of the players gave utterance to a blasphemous and unholy expression. Immediately the young man said to the skip, I must give up my broom, I came to have some fun but I cannot do so if the name of God is to be blasphemed. The one who had spoken unadvisedly and wrongly with his lips expressed his sorrow and regret, while the other, to show