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## Our King

Oh, glorious truth and holy,  
Of Christ enthroned within;  
A kingdom for Him solely,  
That once was dark with sin.  
My heart in full surrender,  
With every pulse and thought  
I've opened to the monarch  
Whose love the right has bought.

Again the vacation season is upon us, and the scholars of many Schools are scattering for the next couple of months. Every scholar on holiday should have a Vacation Card (supplied by the PRESBYTERIAN PUBLICATIONS, Toronto) with him. For, of course, Lesson study should be kept up, week by week, wherever one may go. If there is a Sunday School within reasonable distance it will be helped by the attendance of the summer visitors, whose Cards can be filled in at the School. If Sunday School attendance is not possible the Card may be filled in by parents or friends with whom the scholar may be staying. The record thus kept should be handed, on returning, to the Secretary of the home School.

## Putting On and Putting Off

It is told of Marie Antoinette, who was the daughter of the Austrian emperor, Francis I., that, as she entered France to become its queen, she took off all her old robes and put on new ones. This just meant, that she put off the Austrian princess and put on the French queen.

That is a picture of what happens when we repent. Our old life is put off,—the life in which we have served sin, as the prodigal

in the far country served his foreign master in the humiliating office of a swineherd, and the new life is put on,—the life in which, with a changed heart and will, we take our place, like the prodigal returned to his home, as sons of the heavenly Father, counting it our joy to serve Him and gladdened continually by His presence.

We must be in earnest about this matter. We must rise up like men and shake off the fetters of sin. We must set our feet resolutely in the upward path. There must be no faltering, no temporizing with evil and no relaxing of effort until the goal of the new life is reached.

## Learning to Pray

By Rev. J. M. Duncan, D.D.

It is up to each member of a true Sunday School class, equally with the teacher, to do his full share in everything that will make the class a success.

Now nothing in the work of a class can be more important than prayer. No moments of the class count for more than those which are spent at the beginning in asking God's presence and guidance in the study of the Lesson and close in seeking His blessing on all that has been said and done.

There is no good reason why prayers in the class should always be led by the teacher. Every scholar should learn to take his turn in this exercise.

And it is not so difficult as it seems. Like everything else to which we are unaccustomed, a little determined effort is needed at the start, and then the way becomes all the time smoother and easier.