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## Heroes ; and Patriotic Day

The subject for last year's Patriotic Day was Loyalty : for right loyally had Canada and the whole Empire rallied to a great cause.

This year the subject is HEROES. The early days of the war had its heroes, and the Canadian forces had their full share of these. This second year, the roll of heroes has grown enormously. Almost every community has some one who has splendidly "done his bit." There have been instances of a very wonderful sort, of heroism in fighting, or in enduring. And heroism is not a monopoly of the fighting forces. Those who remain at home have their heroes amongst them, too ; and not least the mothers and sisters and sweethearts and wives, who have bravely given up those dearest to them as their offering in the great struggle.

None of our heroes will be forgotten on Patriotic Day. Nor will it be forgotten that

there are always heroes also in the common round of every-day life,—those who risk their lives to save the lives of others ; those who stand undismayed in the face of great disasters, or smilingly endure long drawn-out and hopeless suffering. The heroism of these also we shall remember, and the heroism of those who stand against temptation, who battle for social reforms, who spend themselves freely in spreading the name and the kingdom of our Lord Christ.

Patriotic Day, this year, wherever observed—and we would fain hope that every Sunday School and church will observe it—will leave a deep impression. Our Sunday School scholars, in hearing and telling the story of our heroes—and the Programme provides for the telling as well as for the hearing of these stories—will receive a stimulus to nobler doing that may well be lifelong.

The date is the last Sunday of this month of June, and it is well worth while to observe the Day, and to make such arrangements beforehand as will make the observance a worthy one. Some useful hints and directions to this end will be found on page 269 of the present issue.

## Great Days

These are great days for the Sunday School teacher,—days of wonderful opportunities and of severe testing.

The war is bringing to the teacher opportunities which he should be keenly on the alert to improve to the very utmost. He will find, if he is on the lookout for it, a new receptiveness on the part of his scholars. The tremendous conflict in which our empire and its allies are engaged, is making the most heedless and indifferent thoughtful and serious. Boys and girls, not less than older