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## PATRIOTIC SUNDAY AND ITS SERVICE

PATRIOTIC SUNDAY—the Sunday before Dominion Day—is now a fixed institution in our church, and the Service issued for it by the General Assembly's Sabbath School Committee is used more and more widely with each succeeding year.

This year's Service is a four page folder especially attractive in appearance. It is printed in colors, with crossed flags as crest, and an exquisite engraving of Parliament Hill, at the national capital, for a tail piece. The quaint old-time parable of the trees choosing a king is set in a panel on the title page, whilst the subject of the address is, The Nation's Ideals and Perils.

Every Sunday School throughout the church should observe Patriotic Sunday, and every scholar, from the Bible Class to the Beginners, should take part in the observance. The fact that the older people take the lead, will increase the enthusiasm of the younger members of the School. An effort should be made to have all the scholars present, and the whole congregation as well. It should be one of the great days of the year.

Canada is a country worth loving and serving, so big, so rich, so beautiful, with such a vigorous national life. It is the big brother of the Dominions of the British Empire, and placed as it is on the shortest highway between Europe and the Far East, who can tell how great its destiny is to be, if only its people are faithful to God and country?

## REFRACTION AND RADIATION

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Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world." He said also to His disciples, "Ye are the light of the world." This figure of light is one of the most suggestive in all Christ's wonderful teaching. Note two features of light,—refraction and radiation. The first means that though beams of light naturally shine in a straight line, yet they are often refracted or bent out of that line. This gives us the beautiful, soft twilight after the sun is below the sky line.

By radiation of light or heat, we mean its property of scattering or dispersing itself. For instance, the light entering a knot hole is not confined to an area the size of the open-

ing, but brightens the whole room.

These principles illustrate a beautiful truth concerning both Christ and the Christian. Their light is both refracted and radiated, so that it is not confined to themselves only, but illumines others as well. Wherever there is an open Christian heart, however humble, Christ's light beams in upon humanity, but it illumines more than the one heart: it brightens the community. It bends out of its original course and brings light to many otherwise in darkness.

Let us be clean windows for Christ, and our influence will be greater than ourselves. Even if our lives be narrow, let them be open