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The Queen's Jubilee.

THIS notable event which is being celebrated throughout the British Empire is one absolutely unique in history. It is well to take advantage of such a memorable occasion to rear, as it were, a memorial of gratitude, as did the Israelites on crossing the Jordan, as a thank-offering to God for the continued mercies and benefits of the Queen's long reign.

This is being very properly done in all our day schools, and it should also be done in all our Sunday-schools. On Sunday, June 20th, therefore, let our Sunday-school services take on a specially patriotic character. Let all our schools sing with one heart and one voice that grand hymn of praise and prayer, No. 340 in the "Canadian Hymnal," "God Save Our Gracious Queen." Let the addresses and instruction in the school make special reference to this auspicious event.

It is a happy coincidence that our lesson for the day is one on personal responsibility in promoting temperance and civic righteousness.

Nothing so mars the peace and prosperity of our country as the evils of intemperance. Nothing will so promote its happiness and welfare as the adoption of sound principles of total abstinence, not only from strong drink, but from those pernicious narcotics which impair the health and waste the money of Her Majesty's lieges. Let us covet for our beloved Canada the blessing of Scripture: "Happy is that people, whose God is the Lord." "Yea, happy is that people, that is in such a case."

Never were the ties that knit the Mother and Daughter Land so closely woven as they are to-day. The loyal attitude of Canada towards Great Britain when she was menaced on both sides of the sea awoke the responsive cord throughout the British Empire. The more intimate relations of trade and commerce, which are growing up between the Mother Country and her forty colonies throughout the world, and especially with the great Dominion of Canada, give promise of the consolidation of that wide Empire as a mighty political and moral force.

We have endeavored in the periodicals under our charge to promote loyal, patriotic sentiments among the people of Canada. We have published special issues of our periodicals filled with papers, pictures, poems, facts and figures inculcating this duty. Let us have the hearty co-operation of all the teachers and officers in our schools in securing their wide circulation.

The Queen's Jubilee number of the *Methodist Magazine and Review* has no less than eleven articles on different aspects of the Queen's long reign, including able papers by the Rev. Dr. Carman, Sir Edwin Arnold, Rev. W. Harrison. Of much interest are the illustrated articles on royal palaces of Windsor, Balmoral and St. James; also sketches of "Sunday with the Queen," and "Where the Queen Worships," an exceedingly interesting account of the coronation sixty years ago, and a life sketch of the Princess Alice. A copy of this has been sent to Her Majesty, and a copy should be in every Methodist family and in every Methodist Sunday-school.

Better still, send \$1.00 for a six months' subscription and receive in addition two back numbers—the November and December numbers of 1896—giving the early chapters of the stirring story of "Phillip Strong," which is attracting much attention. A trial trip of three numbers, 300 pages of specially attractive reading at only twenty-five cents, nearly twice as large as most of the ten cent magazines. Give the publications of your own Church a trial.

To a less extent, but as far as possible in their limited space, we have prepared also special patriotic numbers of *Onward*, *Pleasant Hours*, *Sunbeam*, *Happy Days*, and even of *Dew Drops* for the little folks, so that no department of our school should be neglected this memorial year. Let every scholar at least have a copy of one or other of these patriotic papers.