

That o'er the valley grow,
Their courage rugged as thy frost
When winds of winter blow.
Their honor brilliant as thy skies
And stainless as thy snow.'

Midsummer.

Ah, what a wealthy world it is
At midsummer!
The very skies are dispensing bliss,
The earth is a garden for you, your own,
You may bring your people, or come alone;
There are graceful grasses to kiss your feet,
Roses around you, and woodbine sweet,
And there is not a foot of the generous land
That has not gift for your heart or hand
At midsummer!
Come away from the world of men
At midsummer!
Hasten back to the land again,
Rest, you can choose from a thousand bowers,
Smell the hay, and gather the flowers,
Sing with the lark, brood with the dove
On light and beauty, on heaven and love,
Live without labor, or strife, or greed,
For there is a life that is life indeed
At midsummer!
Were ever such nights as these you know
At midsummer?
There is no dark, and the sunset's glow
Waits for the silver light of the morn,
And dawn comes after it, swift and soon,
While calmly over the singing sea
Breaks the day of a blessing yet to be,
And the heart is filled with an exquisite love
For the earth below and the heaven above
At midsummer!
Peace is perfect, for God is near,
At midsummer,
All that is lovely becomes more dear,
For He comes with us the way we take
By golden cornfield or laughing lake,
And we walk with Him, as His friends of
yore,
Over mountain, or moorland, or shining shore,
And we pray Him to comfort the sick and sad,
And thank Him for making the world so glad
At midsummer.
—Marianne Farningham, in the 'Christian
World' (London).

A Dominion Day Programme for the Sunday School.

[There is abundant Scriptural warrant for the teaching of patriotism. Why, then, should it not oftener find a place in the Sunday-schools? Believing that many schools would gladly give a special tone to the session of July 2, the Sunday after Dominion Day, we give the following programme. It is simple, would take no more time than the ordinary exercises, could be carried out with almost no preparation beforehand, and would serve as a beginning for the annual observance of the occasion.]

SUGGESTED PROGRAMME.

A Canadian flag or plain Union Jack could be draped across the back of the platform, and a few smaller flags arranged about the room. A supply of flowers, preferably those from our own woods, with branches of maple, would form suitable decorations.

ORDER OF SERVICE.

Hymn—'God Save our Gracious King.'
Responsive Reading—Psalm cxlv.
Prayer—For King and Empire. For the Dominion. For purity and honor in public and private life. For the world-wide recognition of God's Dominion above all human sovereignty.

Scripture Selections—(The Superintendent to call for each selection from a different class. One pupil, or the teacher, to recite the selection from memory, or to read clearly and distinctly. For this purpose, slips containing the reference to be given out before school, so that the place may be ready and no time be lost.)

Dan. iv., 34, 35—At the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honored him that liveth forever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion and his kingdom from generation to generation: And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing, and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say unto him, What doeth thou?

Dan. vi., 25, 26—Then King Darius wrote unto all people, nations and languages, that dwell on all the earth, Peace be multiplied unto you. I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and steadfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end.

Dan. vii., 13, 14—I saw in the night visions and behold, one like the Son of Man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days and they brought him near before him. And then was given unto him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

I. Tim. ii., 1, 2—I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men: For kings and all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

I. Peter ii., 13-17—Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

Zech. ix., 10 (last half)—He shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the river even unto the ends of the earth.

Hymn—'O God of Bethel, by whose hand.'

Lesson—As per regular scheme.

Usual School Routine—Reports, etc.

Closing Exercises.

Hymn—'O God, our help in ages past'; or, 'Lord, while for all mankind we pray.'

(See below.)

Repeat in concert by school—

Ps. lxxxv., 9—Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him: that glory may dwell in our land.

Ps. lxxxv., 12—Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

Ps. cxliv., 15—Happy is that people, that is in such a case. Yea, happy is that people whose God is the Lord.

Closing Hymn—'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Tune, 'Miles Lane.')

Hymn.

(Suggested Tune: 'Dumferline'.)

Lord, while for all mankind we pray,
Of every clime and coast,
Oh, hear us for our native land,
The land we love the most.

Oh, guard our shores from every foe,
With peace our borders bless;
With prosperous times our cities crown,
Our fields with plenteousness.

Unite us in the sacred love
Of knowledge, truth and Thee;
And let our hills and valleys shout
The songs of liberty.

Lord of the Nations, thus to Thee
Our country we commend;
Be Thou our refuge and our trust,
Our everlasting Friend.

—Wrexford.

Why are Canadians so Loyal?

(The Rev. Dyson Hague, London, Ont., in the London 'Free Press'.)

Empire Day and Victoria Day have come and gone. Again the flags have been waving and the fireworks blazing, and the people of Canada, to the astonishment of some of their republican neighbors, have been showing their loyalty to a distant King. As it seems so strange to them that we should continue to uphold a monarchy, we would like to give some of the reasons why we, as Canadian people, will yield to none in our loyalty to the throne.

We yield it on the grounds, first of all, of Scripture and tradition. We are no longer upholders of the doctrine of a Divine right of kings, which divorced them from the duties of constitutional government. But we believe that as Christians we are under the government of God, and are bound to duty to our earthly rulers; that in the constitutional sovereignty of the crown of England, which is so impotent for evil and so potent for good, we have a type of that ancient monarchy of the Scriptures which was ordained of God for the governance of his people. 'The powers that be are ordained of God,' and we recognize in the limited monarchy which we enjoy a government which is in concord with the mind and will of the King of Kings.

By tradition also we are loyal. The British monarchy is great with the growth of ages, and is inwrought by traditional and inherited sentiment into the very fibre of our national life. It is part of the creed of a Briton. It is like his love for his mother and his home, and in Canada, though sundered by severing seas, we conserve our affection for that crown. We have changed our residence, but we have not changed our citizenship. We have changed our home, but not our affection. We are citizens of the Empire, and over us still floats old England's flag. For

'We follow on the gleam of an ancient splendid dream,
That has freedom for its fabric, and justice for its theme;
The Britons of five continents, who take their rule from none,
God's Bible for our standard, Christ's glory for our sun.'

But our loyalty to the throne is not based entirely on the grounds of tradition and sentiment. It is the loyalty of intelligence and liberty. We honor the King because we firmly believe with a modern writer that our constitutional monarchy, beyond any other form