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Patriotic Sunday

The Sunday next before Dominion Day—this year June 29—has, for several years, been observed in our churches as PATRIOTIC SUNDAY.

An Order of Service for that day is issued for the Sunday Schools, including the Adult Bible Classes. The expectation is that the whole congregation will join with the Sunday School in the observance of the day.

The Topic for this year's service is TEMPERANCE, and the General Assembly's Committee on Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies is arranging to embody in the Order of Service, a full and fresh statement of facts and suggestions in this well trodden, but still most interesting and vitally important field.

This year's Patriotic Sunday should be made a great day. No School should be satisfied until every officer, teacher and scholar is a total abstainer, and every one also a worker in the temperance cause.

The Service will be issued this month, and will be procurable from us at the usual price of 50c. per 100 copies.

“As”

Power!—Who has earnestly tried for a single day to walk the Christian way, and has not felt his need of strength far other and higher than his own?

Paul, that greatest expounder of the gospel, with the solitary exception of Him who came from heaven that there might be a gospel, is never weary of pointing to the source of the needed energy. “Walk ye in Him,” he says; “rooted and built up in Him.” The tree stands because its roots are struck deep down into the soil. The building is firm because it rests on a solid foundation. So the Christian is strong to resist all forces that would cause him to swerve, because his union with Christ is like

that of the tree with its roots and the walls with their foundation.

The question, “How is the power obtained which the Christian walk demands?” is instantly met by the great apostle. To the inquirer’s “How?” he replies with “As.” And the “as” goes back to the receiving of Christ with which the Christian life begins. That “receiving” was by faith. It consisted in trusting in Christ to do everything required for salvation. By faith of precisely the same kind in the same Omnipotent Christ, is the power to be obtained for the daily Christian walk.

Is the power sufficient? It is the power of God Himself. For “in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”

“Leaving Us an Example”

By Rev. R. J. McDonald, M.A.

Men have carefully studied the human form, with a view to finding the proportions of a perfectly developed man. They have concluded that the normal body must be of a certain height, the limbs of a certain length and size, the waist and chest a certain number of inches around, and so on. To describe the perfect body requires a host of measurements. But a Canadian sculptor has, after study of these measurements, made the model of a man perfect physically, and in that model *all* measurements are included.

Similarly, to determine our life aright, we want a standard which will include all the principles we have been taught to observe. That standard we find in one Man, Jesus the Christ. He left us an example. As the sculptor’s model represents the man perfect as regards physical form, so He reveals the man perfect in the realm of character, of service, of spirit. He is life’s standard.