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A Hundred Years of Peace

Each year an increasing number of Sunday Schools are observing PATRIOTIC DAY, which falls this year on Sunday, June 28. It is found that the celebration makes for good citizenship. The topic of the Programme issued by the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, namely, PEACE, is one of special interest in view of the preparations being made for celebrating the centenary of the Treaty of Ghent, signed on Christmas Eve, 1814, which marked the beginning of a hundred years of continuous peace between Canada and the United States. A leaflet containing helpful supplementary material has been issued by the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies. Copies may be had from Rev. J. C. Robertson, Confederation Life Building, Toronto. A full line of useful materials for the PATRIOTIC DAY SERVICE will be found listed in our advertising pages.

"And There Prayed"

It was early in the morning. Indeed the shadows of the night had not yet been chased away by the rays of the rising sun. Jesus had spent the previous day in the city of Capernaum. From morning till night the hours had been crowded with labor,—teaching and healing—which taxed every power of body, mind and spirit to the very utmost. It was late before the thronging multitudes could be dismissed and He could get the sleep demanded by utter exhaustion. And even now the people were but waiting for the light of another day to press round Him with their myriad needs of body and soul.

But in the life of Jesus there was one need which transcended all others. It was the need of prayer. And so, in spite of the wear-

ness from the tremendous strain of that day in Capernaum, He rose before dawn, went to a quiet, solitary spot, "and there prayed." The crowds might be clamoring for the great teacher and healer. The most urgent tasks might be demanding His instant attention. But everything must wait until He had taken time to pray.

It is in such a scene as this that we place the finger on the secret of Jesus' power. By waiting upon God He renewed His strength. Through the channel of prayer He received the divine power which was to go forth from Him in blessing others.

Jesus' secret must be ours if we are to do really effective service. In the quiet hour, in the solitary place, with heart uplifted in humble, believing prayer, we receive the most important part of our equipment for any Christian work. No time counts for more in the doing of effective work for Christ and our fellows than the time spent in real and definite supplication and intercession.

Transfigured Ambition

By Rev. W. H. Sedgewick, M.A.

Three times in his epistles St. Paul uses a word which signifies "to be ambitious." These three passages serve as guideposts on the footpath to a purified ambition.

"We are ambitious, whether at home or absent, to be well-pleasing unto Him." Come life, come death, St. Paul had one ruling passion—at every step to be sure of Christ's sanction, so to live that he might bask continually in His smile. Our word "ambition" comes from the Latin *ambo*, both. The Roman politicians, eager to get office, could get on both sides of a proposition. They could face both ways at once. They would go any lengths to win the approval of the