

This year's Patriotic Sunday, we want, *all of us*, to catch that fine spirit of comradeship, and to turn it to account for the Canada we all love, and the Christ—the Great Comrade—whom we all honor and with whom we wish to serve.

The topic, therefore, of this year's Patriotic Sunday Programme is COMRADES ALL ! The decoration of the title page is by Mr. C. W. Jefferys, one of Canada's foremost artists, and the Service and Supplement have been written by an overseas man, who knows what the soldiers feel, and yet has the home feeling in all its strength.

The service is for young and old ; for the Sunday School and the congregation both ; and it is surely well worth while setting to work early to make it a great success. Nothing short of securing the attendance of every man, woman and child in the congregation should be aimed at. This should be taken hold of in good time, so that all preparations, such as music, recitations and addresses may be got ready. The announcements of helpful adjuncts on pages 340 and 341 of this issue of the TEACHERS MONTHLY will smooth the way to a successful observance of the occasion ; and such worthy observance, if it is Canada wide, as we trust it may be, cannot but do much for Canada, and for the bringing in, not only in our own land, but throughout the world, of the kingdom of the blessed Lord and Master—the Chief Comrade of all true souls.

### Our New Lantern Slide Department

It is true that the Lantern and Lantern Slide are more used from fall to spring than from spring to fall. But it is not to be forgotten, that, in Sunday Schools especially, the Lantern and Lantern Slide are an all-the-year-round equipment.

And so, although summer is on, we would remind our constituency that PRESBYTERIAN PUBLICATIONS has now added to its business a Lantern and Lantern Slide Department, having acquired the former Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department of this city, and amalgamated it with its Periodicals and Church, Sunday School, and Y.P.S. Supplies.

We are planning extension and large ways of usefulness for this, our newest department, and we invite correspondence from our readers with suggestions as to what their needs are, whether for church, Sunday School, or day school. Canada is a wide country and its communities are very diverse. We are to be of the highest possible service to them all.

### The Rural Community : The Y.M.C.A. and the Churches

The ideal for any community is that the people who form the community should be helpful comrades—set upon working together to make the community life pure and vigorous and happy—the making of every community, city and country, a wholesome and happy and helpful place to live in ; every community, also, a vigorous, aggressive factor in the bettering of our whole civil life.

As our readers already know, the Canadian National Y.M.C.A., which hitherto has confined its work chiefly to the cities and larger towns, is planning a nation-wide campaign in the interest of the rural communities. They will seek to bring into the country parts of the best features of their work in the cities, and in a form applicable to the different conditions which prevail in the country, as contrasted with the city.

It is a hopeful thing that the Y.M.C.A. is seeking the closest affiliation with the churches in this vast and blessed enterprise, and we venture to predict that when these two great forces, the churches and the Y.M.C.A., unite their plans and efforts, a "great success" will be the only term applicable to the result. It is not the intention, it may be further said, to add more than is absolutely necessary to the machinery and equipment already existing in these communities, but by the hearty cooperation of all "men of good will" in the community, to make that machinery and equipment more effective.