

Patriotic Day is the Sunday next before Dominion Day ; this year the very day before namely, June 30th.

The ORDER OF SERVICE for this year's Patriotic Sunday turns upon the duty and privilege of service. There rings through it the splendid self-commitment of Paul, that glorious saint and soldier of the cross, in the face of appalling peril—

"WHOSE I AM, AND WHOM I SERVE."

The present time truly calls for a fresh consecration to service—service for what fighting on the field remains to win the War ; service at home in food and aid of all sorts for those who are in the Forces overseas ; service to keep the moral and religious life of our country true to its ideals in these testing days ; service in the days of reconstruction which are already begun ; above all, and as the foundation and source of all else,—personal service of the great God and his Son Jesus Christ.

Where Religious Education Comes In

In this whole matter of service, there is no more potent force than the religious training of the young. A nation is, in the last analysis, just as strong,—or as weak—as its morale. As Dr. Jowett well said : "Should the morale of a people suffer impairment and the spiritual vision grow faint, munitions could not win a victory. The highest morale, as all history proves, is found only where the fear of God reigns." "Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole of man," are very ancient words, but they are altogether modern as well.

The whole object of the *TEACHERS MONTHLY* and our other Lesson Helps and Illustrated Papers for the teachers and scholars of our Sunday Schools and homes, is to provide the material for a right religious education,—the object of which may be summed up in another old-time precept, which still holds as a guiding star—"Fear God. Love the Brotherhood. Honor the King."

It is naturally a source of much satisfaction to the Board of Publication and to the Editorial and Business staff that we have been enabled to render this service. Some mention is made on another page, under "A Word from the Business Manager," of the work which has been accomplished by the *PUBLICATIONS* during these twenty years past. Those entrusted with their care have found their task a continual joy ; it has been so vital, and the churches and Sunday Schools have so heartily cooperated.

The Fall Teacher Training "Drive"

The Sunday School forces of North America are being called to unite this fall in a Teacher Training "Drive." The purpose of this special effort is to enrol the largest possible number of Sunday School teachers and of those looking forward to the work of teaching, in classes for the study of the excellent course provided in the New Standard Teacher Training textbooks.

Four of these textbooks,—The Pupil, The Teacher, The Teacher's Study of the Life of Christ, and The School—together making up the First Year of the Course, have been in use for some time, with the best results. The books for the Second Year,—The Teaching Values of the Old Testament, The Teacher's Study of the New Testament, The Training of the Devotional Life, and The Programme of Christianity—are in course of preparation, and some of them, at least, will be ready for the beginning of the Drive in the fall.

Several plans have been followed in the formation of Teacher Training Classes. For those who are not actually engaged in teaching on Sunday, a class of picked young men and women, under the guidance of a competent leader, may take up one or more of the textbooks during the regular Sunday School hour instead of the ordinary lesson. In the case of teachers who are at work on Sunday, it will be necessary to form a class, meeting on a week night. The best time, of course, will depend upon local circumstances. The teachers of two or three neighboring city congregations may unite to form a class large enough to attract the services of some educational specialist as a leader. Or, in smaller places, the teachers of all the congre-