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The second Sunday in May is "MOTHERS' DAY". Its object is "to honor the one who loved you first and always—*your* Mother; or her memory". The white carnation is the Mother's Day special flower. Many churches and Sabbath Schools will keep the day in mind.

The last Sunday in June, being the next Sunday before the First of July, our church observes as PATRIOTIC SUNDAY. The General Assembly's Sabbath School Committee has, as in former years, prepared a Responsive Service, with appropriate hymns, etc., and hints for a patriotic address. The Service will be beautifully printed, and will serve as a pretty souvenir of the Day. It will be mailed, as formerly, from our office (PRESBYTERIAN PUBLICATIONS, 60 Bond Street, Toronto) at 50c. a 100, and sample copies will be gladly sent on application. Patriotic Day is widely observed in our Sunday Schools.

The Name that Conquers

Once, when the rites and ceremonials in a great Hindu temple were over, a missionary spoke to one of the priests. "How long", he asked, "has this been going on?" "About four thousand years", the priest replied. The missionary then asked, "And how long will it go on?" The priest turned to him and said, "Not very much longer." "Why?" asked the missionary. The priest lifted his eyes to heaven, and when he had brought them back, he spoke one word to the inquirer. It does not need to be said that that word was "Jesus".

That is the all-conquering Name. Wherever it is pronounced it exercises its strange and compelling mastery over the hearts of men. For that Name alone points out the way to the forgiveness of sin: no other name but

that Name brings the assurance of God's love for which the human soul has a ceaseless thirst. It is the Name that was written on the cross with its unsparing condemnation of sin, with its amazing proof of a love that excels all other love as the heavens are higher than the earth. A Name that shows how a holy God can pardon sin and love the sinner must win a universal sway.

"Buying Up the Opportunity"

By Rev. R. B. Cochrane, M.A.

When we read Paul's admonition to the Ephesian Christians "to redeem the time", we do not always remember that the literal meaning is, "buy up the opportunity". The apostle thinks of life as a series of opportunities, or as a succession of crises. Every moment, to his mind, comes to man to be used in a profitable way. Each can be made to yield to every life something worth while. This being so, the aim of every wise man will be to get the best out of every moment as it comes. His business is to make merchandise of the chances for the investment of life which every period of time presents. He will avoid making a poor bargain with time.

Such a man will be characterized by watchfulness. The possibilities of the moments and the hours must be weighed and measured. Opportunities come only to the one who watches for them. They never pursue us; we must follow after them. We must be ready to seize the opportunities of life as they approach us. Every day is a preparation for some crisis in life. We are always preparing for the great opportunities of life; hence we need to be always watchful that we may be ready when the time of crisis comes.

Moreover, the man who seeks to buy up the opportunities of life will recognize the value