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(Continued.)

SATURDAY. In the evening session the Corresponding Secretary of the Sabbath School Executive submitted a report. The report stated that from the returns received of Sabbath School work done in the denomination it was clear that it compared favourably in this respect with other denominations. The statistical part of the report showed that in the first district there is one school with 48 scholars which raised \$20. In the second district are 18 schools with 603 scholars which raised \$120.30. In the third district are 11 schools with 558 scholars. In the fourth district are 8 schools with 436 scholars which raised \$133.83. In the fifth district are six schools with 270 scholars which raised \$49.95. In the sixth district are 14 schools with 762 scholars which raised \$117.42. In the seventh district are 10 schools with 1402 scholars which raised \$458.41. The number of conversions of Sabbath School scholars during the year was 126. Among the suggestions of the Secretary was the exchange of libraries by schools. The adoption of the report was moved by Rev. G. A. Hartley, who, with Rev. Wm. Kinghorn, Rev. Dr. Phillips and Rev. E. N. Fernald, made appropriate speeches on the question of Sabbath School work. There is an increasing interest in this important branch of the church's activities, and the results are blessed.

SUNDAY. The Sabbath was a beautiful day. There was a large attendance at all the meetings. The day's services began with a prayer meeting at 9 a. m. It was led by the pastor, Rev. G. F. Currie, and was a season of spiritual quickening and joy.

At 10.30 a. m. the annual sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Clark. The text was Luke 12:39, and the theme, "The great gathering in the kingdom of glory." In the introduction the preacher spoke of the gathering place and the scenes of the meeting in a very interesting and impressive manner, a number of appropriate passages of Scripture being quoted in support of the views set forth. The subject was then considered under the following heads:

I.—WHAT IS THE KINGDOM REFERRED TO?

- 1.—The kingdom of God's glory in heaven.
- 2.—A prepared kingdom.
- 3.—A kingdom of incomprehensible greatness and vast extent.
- 4.—A kingdom of purity, order, love, light, intelligence and bliss.
- 5.—A densely populated kingdom.

II.—WHO ARE TO COME INTO THIS KINGDOM?

- 1.—God's redeemed people.
- 2.—Jesus will bring into this kingdom all that will allow him to do so.
- 3.—Though man has separated himself far from God, Jesus is abundantly able and willing to bring him back.

III.—WHAT IS THE ASSURANCE OF THEIR COMING INTO THIS KINGDOM?

- 1.—It rests upon the immutability of God's wills and shall.

IV.—THERE WILL BE VERY PLEASANT ASSOCIATIONS IN THAT KINGDOM.

V.—THERE WILL BE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF FRIENDS IN THAT KINGDOM.

VI.—THEY SHALL SIT DOWN IN THAT KINGDOM.

- 1.—To rest from work.
- 2.—Having triumphed over all their foes.
- 3.—To converse together.
- 4.—To listen to the heavenly music.
- 5.—To contemplate what they have won.

VII.—WHAT IS YOUR PROSPECT OF GATHERING THERE?

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