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Dawson City, B. C.

Thy Kingdom Come

By Rev. W. J. Kidd, B.D.

Great and noble souls long for the dawn of a better day in the world among men. To Burns, it is the day that is

"...coming yet for a' that,
That man to man, the world o'er,
Shall brithers be for a' that."

To Tennyson, it means the day of "the Christ that is to be", that is, the day when Christ shall reign over men, or the day when "the kingdoms of this world shall have become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ".

That day is coming as surely as the earth is revolving around the sun.

How? Some of the Jews of old expected the kingdom of God to be formed in heaven and to be let down to earth, complete, glorious, all-conquering. Jesus taught by His life and death that God would perform a greater work. His kingdom that should never pass away should be formed in the world among men.

Jesus founded the kingdom; He carried it on through His followers. By the alchemy of His influence they were transformed into His likeness, and He became their King. Through them others were gathered into the kingdom—and made like Him. As, then, He transformed Saul the persecuting Pharisee into Paul the man of self-sacrificing love, so, in all the years since, and in many lands, He has been gathering men into His kingdom, by making them like Himself in heart and life. And thus, in all nations, we find men with something of the Master's love, and something of His steadfast purpose and self-sacrifice.

What does this mean? Simply, that the power is in the world now that will ultimately triumph over evil. Then a redeemed and sanctified world will voluntarily own Christ as King. Then, and not till then, shall He reign.

That power which is now in the world and which is conquering slowly but surely, is

Christ Himself. It is Christ in the Christian, working, suffering, conquering, still. "I in them, and Thou in Me."

The kingdom of God will come as soon as men will have it. A general wins no great victory with unfaithful soldiers. In the same way, Christ's victory will be long delayed, if the men in the ranks fail to do their duty. He has given the command to go forward. Have you heard the call? How much will you do to hasten the victory?

Prince Rupert, B.C.

The Morning Sermon in the Class

By Principal William Scott, B.A.

One of the difficulties of the Sunday School is to hold pupils at the age of fifteen, sixteen or seventeen. As yet, they are not old enough to comprehend the full benefit of what the School is doing for them. They do not understand the advantage of laying a foundation of sound principles, and acquiring those habits of life on which depend all future moral and spiritual uplift. They are now too old to be held and interested by the teaching which they receive. They want to be men, and, like men, to be free to do as they please. They desire to leave the School. Hence some powerful counter attraction must be supplied by the School itself.

Can this not be done by providing intellectual exercises of a sufficiently high order to attract the attention of these pupils at this time, when moral and spiritual motives seem to be losing their influence upon them? Such exercises will satisfy the growing craving for effective power. When a boy feels that his mind is really being exercised, and that his intellectual powers are really growing, he becomes satisfied with himself and pleased with his environment. No doubt desires such as these are the origin of Young People's Societies, as much as the social instincts which, at this age, are becoming strong.

This phase of development was most successfully met by one teacher by exercises similar to the following:—He required his pupils to reproduce the sermon which the minister had preached in the forenoon. At first, the analysis was given in response