"THE SUNDAY A NECESSITY."

A Plea for the Preservation of the Sabbath

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13-14. Dr. Fraser said:

that it is written in the Decalogue. It was wrong to steal before there was any Decalogue. It would be Decalogue never been written. Stealing is wrong in itself, eternally wrong, and because it is wrong that Decalogne forbids it, and were it not wrong the placing it in the Decalogue would of every one of the Ten Commandments. These Commandments simply enunciate great moral laws and moral laws are binding always and everywhere. You cannot get away from them any more than you can get or the sweep of the stars. The distinction between right and wrong is

What is this reason, I ask? What is the real basis of a Sunday observance? This is a question which every intel- terial welfare. Upon every loyal citiligent man, churchman and non- zen, then, (and I am not asking you churchman, ought to ask and truth- whether he be a member of the church

fully strive to answer. It is fortunate for us, I think, that there devolves the solemn obligation our Lord was compelled to pen this of throwing the whole weight of his the basis of the Sabbath law was mis- of the Sunday as a rest day. The understood by those of his days. The man who will not do this, but who, he said, "was made for man," and see the difference, do you not? The was written in wan's nature. He raised that institution from a mere Jewish ordinance to a human necessity and claimed that the ultimate auof the Sabbath law. The abrogation to talk about that when you begin to talk about the abrogation of the law which says to man, 'in order to live you must eat and drink and breathe." If ever the time comes when a man may dispense with food and water and oxygen, then he may no longer need a Sabbath. But so long as he continues to be man the Sabbath will conthe defence of those whose needed tinue to be a necessity of his nature. The Sabbath as a Jewish ordinance may have been temporary and shadowy, but the Sabbath as a necessity, on the other hand, is human and, therefore, as such universal and abiding. It will never be abrogated, aye can never be abrovated, simply be-

basis of the observance of a reef day. But to push the question back another step-why does a man need a rest day? What are the necessities of his nature which obligate him to the observance of such a day? These necessities are two-fold.

cause man's nature can never be abro-

gated. This much, then, is clear to

every thinking person. And it settles

once and forever the question of the

1. His physical nature makes necesary a real day. The very preservation of the State hinges on the observance of the Sabbath. It is a law written away down deep in nature that the nation which disregards the Fourth Commandment must perish. This is not cant; it is not sictistic

"The Sunday a Necessity" was the requires a Sabbath day in order to re theme yesterday of the discourse of strange its distorted particles. But the Rev. J. Keir G. Praser, pastor of men are not machines, and all the the second Presoyterian Church. A more do they need a rest day. I relarge congregation gave attentive heed | cently consulted a great cyclopaedia to the words of the coquent divine. of social reform, a work which never The text was taken from Isaiah lviii: touches religious questions at all, and I saw the statement written there that Why am I under obligation to ob- economically the Sunday is a necessiserve one day in seven as a day of ty, and in support of this position it rest? It will not do in answer to this gave the interesting fact that if a maquestion to say that the Fourth Com- son or carpenter takes a contract in mandment requires the observance of Paris he gets the work done quicker, such a day, because the question still cheaper and better by employing Engpresses, why does the Fourth Com- lish labor, because English persons mandment require it? The law which | work six days, while French workmen says "Thou shalt not steal" does not work seven days in the week. One of and its ethical obligation in the fact the besiest public men of the last century-the late Mr. Gladstone-said in a very remarkable letter, which appeared some years ago in the press, wrong to steal today even had that that he had always kept the day of rest as scrupulously as possible. "And now," he added, "at the end of a laborious public career of nearly fifty-seven years I attribute in great part to that cause the prolongation of not make it wrong. The same is true my life and the preservation of the faculties I may still possess." And listen to the testimony of Lord Macauley to the economic value of the Sunday: "While industry is suspended, while the plough lies in the furrow, while the czohange is silent, away from the movements of the tides while no smoke ascends from the factory, a process is going on quite as important to the wealth of the nation absolute and eternal and no power on as eny process which is performed on earth or in Heaven can make it other- more busy days. Man, the machine of machinery, is repairing and wind-Now this Commandment which says | ing up, so that he returns to his labor to you and me "Remember the Sab- on Monday with clearer incellect, with bath, observe one day in seven as a livelier spirits, with renewed corporerest day," takes its place among these al vigor." And so, my friends, you ocquizing this. And for this we need moral laws. It is binding, not be- see something of the value of the Sunr the Sabbath. It is a necessity of our cause it happens to be found written day viewed simply as a physical hencin the old Jewish Decalogue, but be fit. It would be impossible, I think, cause it is inherently right; because to over-estimate that value. Apart there is some reason why we ought to altogether from its religious benefits observe a Sabbath; some reason why it the observance of the Sunday lengthis wrong not to observe a Sabbath, ens life, improves work, increases happiness and enriched the home, which,

Jews placed that basis in the Fourth from greed of gain, will turn his rest Commandment in the mere outward day into a work day is a traitor to his it in the necessities of man, the needs from greed of gain, will compel whole of human nature. "The Sabbath," multitudes of employees to work on this day of rest is a traitor. I care made for him because he needs it for not who the men be who compose it his proper development as man. You they are helping to undermine the very pillar of our national security, Jews said the Sabbath was written in and I unhesitatingly place them among the Book of the Law. Jesus said it our country's enemies. Unless there comes a stiffening of the public conscience in this respect we are going to lose our Sunday as a rest day. This is the danger which threatens us at thority for its observance was not the present time-not that we shall Moses, but man, not the Decalogue, lose it as a day of spiritual opportunibut nature. This is important teach- ty merely, but that we shall lose it as ing for us to keep in mind today when a rest day. I saw the statement made men are talking about the abrogation on the authority of one who knew that in the city-and county-of London, of the Sabbath! It will be time enough | England, there are half a million of people employed on Sundays in connection with public amusements alone. Add to these the army of railway workmen and the like, most of whom are practically the slaves of employers, and you will see the necessity there is for every patriotic, loyal citi-

after all, is the ultimate spring of ma-

or not,) upon every lover of mankind

the defence of those whose needed rest day is being quietly filched away. I am well aware that in this complicated social life of ours, and especially in crowded cities, there must necessarily be exceptions, but these ought | Of course the State must not enact to be reduced to a minimum, while those who are compelled to work on Sunday ought to be given a day for is bound to guarantee to every man rest during the week. The question freedom of worship and rest to enjoy as to what constitutes the proper observance of the Sabbath may be a difficult one to auswer, but this much | legislation on religious grounds. She is olear-we must observe it as a day | cannot legislate her citizens into beof rest from worldly toil and we must ing religious worshippers. To do this do our utmost to secure to others the | would be to invade the empire of conprivilege of a rest day. In our own science, and when the State does this homes and business we must lessen toil as far as possible. We must by Law has nothing whatever to do with our example discourage all forms of religious wership. Moreover, to endesceration of the deg, such as Sun- force religion is to destroy religion. day excursions, because these mean God will have no horage which is work on the part of multitudes of merely outward and enforced, and the people, and when you and I participate in them we help to rob these tect our religious principles you rob workmen of the day which the Crestor our religious liberties of all their rehas given them for physical rest. ligious power. And so the State can-And we must encourage those who not and must not pass Sunday legislapulpit talk; it is sober reality. A rest control national and municipal affairs tion on religious grounds, but simply day is a physical necessity. Even to put down all needless labor and to and solely on economic and social the beasts of burden examplify this guarantee to every individual the free-necessity, because if you work a horse dom of a rest day. Here men of all must be made on this principle is to the full extent of his power for exceds and of no creed may stand on a necessary not only in order to secure

because he needs it for the cultivation coming with the force of coercion of his spiritual nature. To base the seases to be religion. The State's place man on a level with the brute God according to the dictates of their ereasion. Man is over and above own conscience. But this she is uneverything else a spiritual being and unless he develops spiritually he fails to develop along the lines of true manhood. He has a soul, he has been built for communion with God, and unless he finds God he misses the very purpose of his creation. Now tunity. It has been given to us by the Creator with a special view to our religious cultivation. It is true that and every pastime, but we all know how secular things drive religion into a corner and how the soul cleaves to the dust. But the Sabbath gives the religious nature its opportunity. The the Gospel, the atmosphere of peace, the influence of united worship, all tend to call out the religious nature element.

My friends, this is a serious ques-

tion. The loss of the Subbath means

infinitely more than the loss of a physical rest day. It means the dethrone ment of God and the loss of the spiritrial nature. The words of the Great Tossher may well come home to us here with startling force. "What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and lose his soul?" And no man, let it ever be remembered, can save his soul and at the same time deliberately violate the Fourth Commandment. He must have season for prayer and meditation and worship or he will have atrophy on the spiritual side of his nature. Just as the body will weaken if you have no regular meals, so your soul will lose its vitality if you neglect set opportunities for communion with God. No man san be true to himself who neglects the cultivation of his spiritual nature. Our very life is rooted spiritual nature. A recognition of this great truth is of special importance at a time like this, when many are seeking for the maximum of pleasure and the minimum of worship. The tendency of the times is unquestionably to transform Sunday from a "holy day" to a "holiday;" to employ it as far as possible in amusement and self-indulgence. In many parts of the country the golf links are simply crowded with players, and boys who ought to be in Sunday school are question in his day, fortunate that influence in favor of the preservation functions are multiplying fast. Cheap excursion trains, with their worry gazing on nature, but in eating and drinking especially drinking. This enjoyment of what is merely physical at the sacrifice of all that is spiritual is ominous, for it threatens the degradation of the people and involves ultimately the abolition of Sunday as a period of quiet rest and a season for spiritual communion. In the face of this the duty of every right-hinking man is surely clear. And now, before closing, I must

> of this question, vis., the right of the State to legislate on the Sunday. And here I may say that I believe that the improvement of the Sabbath must be sought through the improvement of man rather than the improvement of man through the improvement of the Sabbath. Let men be taught their true dignity as spiritual beings and they will welcome the Sabbath as a great physical and spiritual boon. Questions of Sunday observance will then settle themselves. And yet the State has a duty to perform here. If man needs the Sabbath then the State is under moral obligations to protect the Sabbath for the same reason that it is under moral obligations to protect every other institution which is essential to the citizen's development. Sunday legislation on strictly religious grounds except in the sense that she that freedom. This is as far as the State can go in the matter of Sunday she transgresses her rightful limits. moment you make a government, pro-

speak very plainly on another phase

(2) The Sabbath was made for man principle enforced by government and der obligations to do. On the broad protect the Sunday as a rest day.

> man's need. We must bring our law- last Friday night. makers to see that as a mere condiquestion.

I trust that our study of this question this morning may help us all to the wreck and ruin of the Pacolet mills. realize anew something of the tremendous value of the Sabbath to the individual, the nation and the race, and may remain both as a day of rest and in that day of the week. worship; that on land and sea, in the home land and in far-off sottlements, quiet may continue to come over the strivings of the week, and that prayer and praise may evermore ascend to God, who is near us all and loves us

Identified.

His mother was giving a musicale and he had been put to bed even earlier than usual. The indignity rankexcursion trains, with their worry and excitement, demoralizes for the morrow's work thousands whose only led in his infantile breast. He was stitute of Buffalo, N. Y., the unique wery fond of music, and besides he model of medical and surgical progress, emjoyment seems to consist not in wanted to see all the people who were owes its existence to its founder, Dr. down in the parlor. He tossed and tumbled about in his bed and tried all the expedients to fall asleep, but it was useless. Finally he could stand it no longer and he got out of bed. A bottle of violet extract on his mother's dressing table caught his eye. This he held above his head and allowed the contents to trickle all over periments of doctors or surgoons. his small body. When the bottle his small body. When the bottle was empty he crept stealthily down the stairs, revelling in the delights of let the patient preserve his individuthe perfume. There was a lull in the ality and identity, and lead an exismusic as he concealed himself behind | tence as independent and free as the a curtain, and the guests were startled a moment later when a shrill, pip- lids' Hotel," whose waiters are whiteing little voice came from the diminutive bundle of scented pajamas, "If you smell anything, it's me!"—Philadelphia Record wards, echoing with the moaning of the sick, but separate rooms, as in an adelphia Record.

Rejected Lovers Unite.

Derby, Conn., June 10 .- Success ive disappointments have prompted well-known young men of this city to form an organization known as the Rejected Lovers' Association.

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The by-laws of the association provide that no member shall keep company with any one of the opposite sex or talk with her more than five minutes at a time, except in the case of an immediate relative. The penalty for marrying, or even proposing, is expulsion from the association. -Baltimore Sun.

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The full extent of his power for creeds and of no creed may stand on a necessary not only in order to secure and on the service you expect in sacretic folders a man can form to some idea of the money there is in the service you expect in sacretic folders a man can form to some idea of the money there is in the service you expect in sacretic folders a man can form to some idea of the money there is in the service you expect in sacretic folders a man can form to some idea of the money there is in the service you expect in sacretic folders a man can form to some idea of the money there is in the service you expect in sacretic folders a man can form to some idea of the money there is in the service you expect in sacretic folders a man can form to some idea of the money there is in the service you expect in sacretic folders a man can form to some idea of the money there is in the service you expect in sacretic folders a man can form to some idea of the money there is in the service you the service you the service you expect in sacretic folders a man can form to some idea of the money there is in the service you the service you have y

Under Shadow of Friday.

A dispatch from Athens, Ga., to obligation of Sabbath observance sim- duty is performed when she hes guar- the Atlanta Constitution, says: Colply on man's need of bodily rest is to anteed her citizens the day to worship onel Charles S. Webb, who las just returned home from Gainesville, where he has been for the past week assisting in the work of caring for ground of the public welfare she must the sufferers from the recent tornado, tells a very interesting story connect-Now all this is important because it | ed with Victor Montgomery, the owngives us the ground on which we are er of the mills that suffered in the to press for Sunday legislation today. Gainesville tornado and also the own-That ground is not the repetition of er of the Pacolet mills that were dethe Sabbath is the soul's great oppor- creeds and commandments, but it is stroyed by the flood in South Carolina

Mr. Montgomery was talking to tion of national health, as a condition | Col. Webb last Tuesday night in religion is intended to go through the of economical efficiency, they are not Gainesville about the disaster that whole week, to enter into every duty only justified, but compelled, to pro- had come upon his property there, test the Sunday as a day of rest. Leg- and remarked that he had almost islation ought to go much further than reached the conclusion that there was it does. It ought to protect the com- something in the superstition about munity as a whole from the greed of beginning things on Friday. Mr. individuals and the greed of great Montgomery said that when he went cossation from toil, the preaching of corporations. And it ought to pro- to Gainesville to look for a site for teet it from the pleasure-seeking of the mill he proposed to establish those who are constantly imperilling there it was on Friday. He went the day of rest for large masses of back to South Carolina and reported and encourage it to revel in its native the people. No man or no body of to his board of directors and they met men has any right to rob God's chil- on Friday. When he came back to dren of the day that He has given Gainesville and laid off the ground them for rest and worship, and the upon which the buildings were to be law should lay its strong arm on these constructed it was on Friday. When people and tell them so. On purely the actual work of beginning the conutilitarian grounds, simply seeking struction the mill building was started the greatest happiness of the greatest it was Friday and he remarked to the number, our Legislature should re- superintendent of construction that press the eccentricities of individuals. there was a superstition about begin-They should simply not allow people ving work on Friday. The superinto disturb what is a public blessing. tendent laughed and said that he was I am speaking emphatically and some- born on Friday and the 13th of the what at length here, because in a month at that. Over a year ago an democratic country like this it is you accident happened to Mr. Montgomand I who have to do with the making ery's father on Friday in which he of the laws. No government or no lost his life. So Mr. Montgomery body of legislators can withstand the told Col. Webb that if the tornado force of public opinion, and what we had come come on Friday he would need right here in this community is not have been surprised. He went a toning up of public opinion on this on home to Spartanburg and on last Friday night the great rain storm fell and swept away his entire fortune in

> While there is nothing in the supersition about the bad luck attendant upon beginning things on Friday, that it may lead us to give the whole it will no doubt take a heap of faith weight of our personal influence to and common sense to keep Mr. Montthe work of preserving it. Let us gomery from unconsciously thinking pray that amid all changes this day that there is for him something fateful

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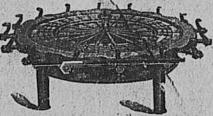
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