

The Sabbath For Man

(Editor's Note: The following article was sent in this week by Rev. J. Clifford Mathews, pastor of the South Side Reformed Presbyterian church, with the request that it be published in The Eccentric. It was taken from "The Lord's Day Leader," a religious paper.)

But we are slow to note that when Jesus made the statement that the Sabbath was made for man, He had not in mind primarily the house of the body within which the man lives. There is a great—indeed an impassable gulf fixed between the man sprung from God—about the Sabbath was ordained. As there is a great and vast difference between the shell and the kernel lodged within the shell. The former is broken open and thrown away; the latter is eaten, and assimilated, and converted into a physical part of him who ate it.

It was the Master's foremost thought that the Sabbath was made for man, the being who is sprung from God, who is endowed with the power of an endless life, destined to go on endlessly growing and growing—first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. It was principally for this being—the man sprung from God—that the Sabbath was ordained. Jesus' concern for His Father's people is such that He stresses the essential value of the rest day because of the benefit it conveys, if rightly understood and wisely used, bringing God and His children into communion and fellowship, revealing God in our human life, and, like a mirror, causing our human life to become the reflection and the expression of God.

That this aspect of the Master's mind—the Sabbath made for man—is taking hold far and wide upon the intelligence of the world is made manifest by the fact that our general Government and our State authorities have enacted laws for the observance of a rest day, one in every seven. During our Civil War, President Lincoln declared Sunday rest for soldiers and sailors, and just recently President Coolidge has spoken out clearly and positively in defense and enforcement of the rest day. Our legal enactments require cessation from labor and from secular amusements on the Lord's Day. They are not an attempt to spiritualize men by law. "They are (I am here quoting) 'what the garden fence is to the garden. The fence does not make the garden; the gardener does that; but it makes possible by keeping out enemies that would otherwise tread down the tender plants. They are what the dikes are to Holland. They do not make Holland with its beautiful scenery and fruitful fields; the Dutch do that; but they raise a barrier between Holland and the sea that its waters cannot pass and so make Holland possible.'"

Value of Sunday Laws

Here it may be asked as to the value of legal enactments for Sabbath observance.

In the first place, these laws protect the fundamental rights of the people. You cannot, in this country, force a man to labor seven days a week. Daniel Webster is quoted as saying that "a law of rest for all is necessary to the liberty of rest for all."

In the second place, these federal and state enactments in their relation to the rest day protect the private welfare as bearing upon the health of the people upon the public order, and upon public morals.

In the third place, these laws stand for the State's protection of one of its own institutions. It must be distinctly understood that this rest day, Sabbath or Sunday, is a civil as well as an ecclesiastical institution. It is the day for activity—not rest—in the Church. In the civil sphere work is suspended, that it may go forward in the Church.

A Christian Nation

Now out of the fact that the federal and state governments enforce laws for the observance of the Lord's Day grows logically this higher and most significant fact that we are a Christian nation. Here let me quote the timely and wise words of another:

"Wherever Christianity is the dominant religion of a people, the Sabbath as a fundamental institution of Christianity is bound to become a civil institution. Historically we are a Christian people. Christianity has been wrought into the warp and woof of our entire life."

The United States Supreme Court has officially said: "This is a Christian nation." The Sabbath, therefore, has been woven into the texture of our entire life, civil, social, and industrial, as well as religious."

In this connection I call your attention to the fact that our laws relating to rest day observance are all based ultimately on the will of God. The State, then, is God's institution. God commands the State to keep the Sabbath; and God has laid upon the State the responsibility of safeguarding the people in their right to keep it.

Must Battle Against Opposition

Bearing in mind the Master's declaration that the Sabbath was made for man, it must be a matter of interest with thoughtful men and women that we are not going to keep our rest day or deepen popular conviction regarding its importance without opposition. The Great War has taught us that ungodliness will fight. We professing Christians must take up arms against greedy and godless people who are defying the law of God. We must combat ideas with ideas, declaration with declaration, legislation with legislation. In the words of John Bright, the great English reformer, we must "agitate, agitate, agitate!"

Let me conclude my discourse in the words of my friend, the Reverend Doctor Bowley, the indefatigable Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States:

"It may be pertinent to suggest that with the increasing favor with which the 3rd day of week is being received by nearly every com-

WE HEARD IT SAID BY—

(Little Editorials picked up by the Staff in and around Birmingham.)

Robert Marcellus Atkins, local Methodist preacher: "The more I see of Wider Woodward avenue in Ferndale the more I believe that such a wide highway tends to break the solidarity of a town. It is like a river flowing through a community, with a division of interests at the result. If Woodward avenue is widened greatly through Birmingham I fear that it will tend to divide our community life."

Albert Stell Jr., of Bloomfield Court: "I would like to congratulate village manager Starr on his recently published annual report. Certainly if one is possessed of the ability to read, one ought to be able, from a perusal of the report, to know exactly what has been going on in Birmingham during the past year, as well as get some idea of our future needs and problems. Manager Starr's report is the best of its kind that I have ever seen."

Rollo J. Conroy, of West Maple avenue: "In general I am in favor of the annexations to Birmingham that will be voted on next Monday. This large area, rapidly becoming populated, must have some form of government; if it does not become part of Birmingham it must set up its own form of government. Trying to develop small areas of land into permanent, habitable properties is most difficult unless some general, cohesive plan is adopted. A large incorporated plan can plan and carry out its municipal program much better, and cheaper than a number of small unincorporated communities."

Harry S. Starr, village manager: "Many places in Birmingham need repairs to the sidewalks, especially in order to develop proper drainage. A sidewalk, in order to be not clear of water puddles, should have a fall of about one inch to the foot toward the street level."

J. B. Howarth, treasurer Birmingham Real Estate Board: "I have been asked by several about the unanimous vote of the Real Estate Board in favor of the annexation of Ecu at the coming election, April 5. Personally I doubted the wisdom of such annexation, going into the matter thoroughly but now I am convinced that it is the right thing to do and that our village commission has very wisely decided to give the people a

choice. The subdivisions immediately adjacent to Birmingham are an opportunity to come into the village if they care to and we want them. All this district is growing so rapidly that it will be but a short time before conditions will compel us to adopt city form of government. With a well outlined community of enthusiastic and harmonious citizens, with no sore spots, we can have a model suburban city. But I feel that it will be a long time before we will have enough industries to justify establishing the talked of Chamber of Commerce; but as Kipling says, 'that's another story.'"

Mrs. A. D. McDougall of Hewitt street: "I think a town the size of Birmingham should have a movie theater. Sunday movies won't keep people away from church if they really want to attend services."

AT B. F. KEITH'S TEMPLE THEATRE, DETROIT Jean Goldkette and his famous "Trio" Recording Orchestra headline the bill at B. F. Keith's Theatre for N. V. A. Jubilee Week, starting Sunday matinee, April 4. Mr. Goldkette will appear in person with the orchestra having just returned from New York City where they scored a great ovation in Rosebaum's Broadway's leading dance hall. Mr. Goldkette's organization is making its initial appearance in Keith-Albee vaudeville. Others featured: Alice Lloyd, "America's Own" favorite English comedienne in her latest song, hits assisted by Albert Hurley musical director; Karavelli and his company of four stepping sisters including Joyce Court, Sylvan Buckley, Beatrice Carr and Kitty French; Jack "Babe" Brown and Whitaker in "Here Next Week"; Paul Gordon wizard of the wire; Alyce Sheldon and Lucille Daley in "To-gether Again"; The Three Aces and the usual screen subjects. This great bill together with headline acts from all leading Detroit vaudeville and production theatres make up the big program for the super-vaudeville show at Orchestra Hall, Wednesday evening April 7 at 8:45 for the benefit of the National Vaudeville Artists' Sick and Benefit Fund.

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Church and Sunday School

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Easter Sunday
8:00 a. m.—Holy Communion; Holy service.
9:30 a. m.—Holy Communion; Second service.
11:00 a. m.—Holy Communion; Sermon.
4:00 p. m.—Church School Festival; Baptism.

First Church of Christ, Scientist
Services at Church Building, Woodward avenue, south of the D. U. R. Waiting Room.
Sunday 10:30 a. m.—Sunday School, for children up to 5 years old, 10:30; from 5 to 20 years old, 11:45. Wednesday evenings, 8 o'clock.

Southfield United Presbyterian Church
Preaching services, 11 a. m.
Lord's Supper will be observed, also conducted on Easter Day, in the morning at 10:30 and in the evening 8 o'clock. Special music will be rendered at both services. The Sunday School convenes at 9:30; Promotion Day.

The Presbyterian Church
N. Woodward at Euclid.
Floyd Emerson Lodge.
We welcome you to our Easter services. In the morning at 11:00 o'clock, "Christ's Message from the Open Tomb." In the evening at 8 o'clock, "The Forgotten Easter Evening."

The Bible School meets at 10:00 o'clock, the Christian Endeavor Society at 7:30 o'clock. The Midweek service of Fellowship is Wednesday at 7:30 o'clock. Good Friday services will be held at the Methodist Church beginning at 1:00 o'clock. This church will be in charge of the second period beginning at 1:40 o'clock. Let us observe fittingly these hours from our own three.

BONSTELLE TO STAGE "THE SHOW-OFF" NEXT WEEK
The "Show-Off," which was recently offered here at the New Detroit Opera House, is being given a special interpretation by the Bonstelle Company at the Playhouse where it will be continued the coming week. The "Show-Off" is a comedy, reflecting types with which we are thoroughly familiar, the one earning the title being Aubrey Piper, a

subject: "He is Risen." Easter—4:30 p. m.—Vesper Service with the Sunday School participating. 6:30 and 8:30—Bazaar League for young people.
No evening service Easter Sunday. A hearty invitation is extended to you to join with us in these Easter Day Services.

Birmingham Gospel Tabernacle
Macabee Hall, corner of Woodward and Maple avenues.
Sunday morning at 10:30 "The Empty Tomb." Did Jesus literally rise from the grave? What does it mean to the Christian, and what does it mean to the world?

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Lincoln at Woodward.
Rev. L. A. Schuessler, S. T. M.
The Festival of Easter, the highest festival of the Church, is approaching. In great throngs the faithful will appear in God's Temple to pay homage to the Risen Lord, the Almighty Christ, the victorious and adoring homage to the Risen Lord. Two special services will be conducted on Easter Day, in the morning at 10:30 and in the evening 8 o'clock. Special music will be rendered at both services. The Sunday School convenes at 9:30; Promotion Day.

The Lord's Supper will be administered on Good Friday evening at 7:30. Preparatory service begins at 7:00. "Our Suffering Saviour on the Cross." Is the theme of this last Lenten Service. "Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood."—Rev. 5, 9.

The First Baptist Church
East at Willett Streets.
Pastor, Thomas J. Edwards.
Morning worship at 10 o'clock. The pastor will speak on "The Finger of God." The ordinance of baptism will be administered to those who have avowed their faith in Christ. The Bible school convenes at 11:15 o'clock. There are excellent classes for all. The pastor teaches the class for young men.

The Methodist Church
Maple Ave. W. at Henrietta.
Robert Marcellus Atkins, Minister.
10 a. m.—Sunday School with classes for everyone.
11 a. m.—Public Worship. Sermon

clerk for the Pennsylvania Railroad, who comes into the Fisher home to see Mrs. Aubrey. Aubrey believes in looking after his own home and never loses an opportunity to tell the great things he has done and going to do or how he has been instrumental in the success of some great invention or in laying the foundation of some great fortune. The Fishers put him down as a braggart; but their position only encourages Aubrey's belief. The more and more he marries him. Their life is not all pie and cake and Aubrey has to occasionally go to his brother-in-law for funds to pay the rent and is always heavily in debt. However, it does not deter him from borrowing an automobile to go to an automobile show and bragging about his car he is going to buy. This step ends disastrously as he meets with a wreck and it costs brother-in-law a thousand dollars to keep him out of jail. However, in the end Aubrey's boasting stands the family in good stead and he proves it sometimes pays to talk.

George Kelly has written everyday life into "The Show-Off." The story is supposed to be laid in the suburbs of Philadelphia, but it might as well be anywhere. Each of the characters is one we are familiar with and to have made them so human and natural and woven them together in such an appealing story that after seeing "The Show-Off" it is easy to understand why it ran for two years in New York City and scored in other big cities and on tour. Those who do not see "The Show-Off" at the New Detroit should not miss the opportunity at the Bonstelle Playhouse this and next week.

EAST SECTION OF TOWN HAS BEEN CANVASSED FOR DIRECTORY DATA

All territory east of Woodward Avenue included in the limits of the village of Birmingham has been canvassed for the Eccentric's Annual Birmingham Directory for 1926. In the case of nobody being at home when the solicitor called a card was left to be filled out and mailed to the Eccentric office. Anybody who has been missed in the canvass should either come into the office or make out a list of all persons over eighteen years of age, with name, occupation, and address of each one. Otherwise the names of such persons may be omitted and the Eccentric not liable for complaints. It is expected that the cards left at the houses of those not at home will be filled out immediately and sent in; this will facilitate the compilation very much.

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