

traditions of the Elders, which called forth Christ's withering quotation from Isaiah, "In vain do they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

Cases of necessity and mercy should be provided for privately, and each case dependent on its own responsibility. The six days are ours—the seventh day is God's. Motives consistent with the requirement must govern. Two men may go on bicycles, as a mere means of locomotion, or two men on their feet; one in either case profitably and properly—the other unprofitably and improperly.

The most specious pretext for cars, is the convenience for Church goers. Some may have preference for greater eloquence. Clergymen may even regret the severance of old members by a change of residence; but the law is, "Remember the Sabbath day 'to keep it holy.'" Besides, it is unpatriotic to the general cause to create jealousies, and to deprive local Churches of their natural support.

After all, the Revelation of "Christ incarnate, and Him crucified," requires not the touches of "excellency of speech," as St. Paul wrote the Corinthians. It shines more resplendent in the purer garb of simple language to the sincere Christian. The true beauties of a picture of real worth are apt to be overlooked by the attractions of a gorgeous frame.

The argument of the humanitarian in the interest of the working man is an error. Besides, it is impractical. He could not afford, out of his small weekly pittance, to pay for pleasure excursions for himself, his wife and children. A half weekly holiday out of the over-worked six days would benefit him more than intermeddling with his statutory holiday, by birthright, for rest and union with his family, whom he has scarcely seen through the week of toil, and for joining with them in the exalting and purifying engagements of a Christian home.

Our diversified conditions afford opportunities for the exercise of the Christian virtues. The more fortunate by birth or prosperity have it in their power to encourage, by friendly advice, kindly intercourse, and in many ways their less fortunate neighbour, earning his bread "with the sweat of his brow." Indeed much of their own comforts they may share without injury to themselves, by opening, for instance, occasionally their garden gates to the deserving.