

responsibility will not be on your shoulders. On the contrary, the Lord will look on your mild and peaceable disposition, free from all strife and contention, so much like His own, and reward it with special graces.

It is quite another thing when you put off your own work until Sunday. This depends not on the will of a mistress, but on your own ; and therefore, you, and not any one else, will have to answer for it. To devote Sunday to making up articles of dress, or to a general mending of clothes, is very wrong. And, even if you live in the country, where you cannot attend Mass, the case is not altered ; for the command « six days shalt thou labor and do all thou hast to do » applies as well to such cases as to any others. The day, everywhere, is intended to be devoted to the service of God, and not to work. — But suppose the mistress of the house has no sense of what is proper ; makes no distinction between Sunday and another day ; loads you down with work that, it is clear, could as well be done another day ; what is to be done in that case ? Keep quiet, do not fly into a rage, do not fly in her face, but quietly look around for another place. It may be, that if you spoke about it quietly, and without passion, it would be set right ; but if not, look out for another place, where the Lord's day is respected, and when you find one, give notice peaceably and quietly of your intention to leave. Perhaps the master or mistress of the house may ask the reason. Do not let your feelings get the upper hand, but tell them with the utmost calmness, that your religion requires you to avoid unnecessary work on the Sunday ; that you find so little regard paid to God's commandment in regard to this, that you cannot remain longer. Who knows, but that such a mild but firm answer may produce a happy change, and take away the difficulty ? If so, the next servant who comes into their service will not be troubled in the same way. I need say no more about labor on Sundays, for your own good sense, and more than all, the light of the Holy Ghost, which is given to all who sincerely ask it, must direct you to the rest.

Why has the Almighty required his people to abstain from labor on the Sunday ? Surely it was not in order that they