

of gain impelling its devotee to rob God of His reserved seventh, and himself of absolutely necessary relaxation.

With folly that is consummate and imprudence that is both perilous and short-sighted, man, in his ignorance and stupidity, would first violate, then ignore, then defy and finally recast the divine law.

During the Reign of Terror in France God's seventh day was abrogated and a tenth day Sunday substituted. The result only demonstrated afresh the folly of man and the wisdom of God.

Having made man for His own glory the Lord made the Sabbath and ordained it for man's good, making it minister to his essential need, physical, mental, moral and spiritual. As the key is suited to the wards of its lock, so the rest day of God fits into the very constitution of man's being, and opens the door that floods it with blessing.

Rightly, therefore, and righteously the Church is obligated to conserve for the race this most precious boon, a God given Sabbath, to guard with a holy jealousy against any and every infringement of its hallowed privileges, and to preserve the day in the integrity of the divine intent.

To the Christian Church as the custodian of God's sacred oracles, and to the Christian State as the divinely ordained instrument for preserving the social, civil and national liberties of His people, God has entrusted the responsibility of maintaining inviolate a seventh part of our time for reverent acts of divine worship, to both equally the command being given: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." In the carrying out of this command, the Lord has been graciously pleased so to interweave interests with us that while, on the one hand, we are thereby promoting His glory, we are on the other subserving our own best interests, both temporal and spiritual.

Now it is not affirming too much to say that both Church and State have been and are grievously remiss in the discharge of their obligations to this divine command, and there has been assigned to me to-day the unenviable duty of bringing a grave indictment against the Christian Church, against Christian society, and against the Christian State in this regard.