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THE subject of Public Worship is too large to be treated here with any fulness. I shall merely venture a few suggestions in relation to the two questions, "What are the reasons for maintaining Public Worship?" and, "How is this Public Worship to be made most interesting and useful?"

Public worship has this great advantage and value,—that it recognizes a public religious sentiment. It is a perpetual denial by the Christian Church of its own doctrine of Total Depravity. It assumes that the whole community, the converted and the unconverted, the regenerate and the unregenerate, *can* pray, *ought* to pray, *wish* to pray. It so far counteracts the pharisaic feeling engendered by these distinctions. It is, moreover, a religious education for the whole community. Who can tell the amount of influence exerted, directly and indirectly, by the fact of Sunday worship pervading the whole