

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the editor of the Western Churchman.

Sir:—There must have been many who were thankful to know that through your paper a protest was made (and it was not the only one) against the so-called marriage of a divorced man.

And it is indeed strange, and a grievous wrong, that one who holds the office of a "Priest in the Church of God," should be able to disobey the law of God, without rebuke; and one, moreover, holding so high a position in the Church here.

One would think the matter had been too fully discussed of late, to leave any doubt as to what was right; our marriage service puts it quite plainly and decidedly, and surely Our Lord's words in St. Matt. V., 32, admit of no second meaning.

Does the fact, that "many people do not see any harm in it," make a wrong thing right? One would think so, judging from the way many of these people talk.

Yours truly,

ANOTHER CHRISTIAN.

Winnipeg, Jan. 23, '98.

**The Bishop of Chester on Sunday Observance.**

To the editor of the Western Churchman.

Dear Sir:—Your extract from the Bishop of Chester's pastoral, is liable to be misunderstood. In addition to cricket the Bishop is in favor of "bicycling, lawn tennis and golf" becoming Sunday pastimes. This sounds very sweeping and unorthodox, until we read the qualifications made by the Bishop himself.

These qualifications are somewhat as follows:—(The Bishop is quoting from Bishop Sanderson, a divine of the Seventeenth Century.)

- (1.) That these pastimes be used with great moderation.
- (2.) That they should be used at seasonable times, and with due regard to attendance at Divine worship by themselves and others.
- (3.) That they should be used so that they may make men fitter for God's service the rest of the day, rather than in any way to hinder them or overweary the body.
- (4.) That they be used not doubtfully.
- (5.) That men be severer towards themselves than towards other men. A man will rather deny himself than offend others or take offence at others.

"In illustration of this last point, many will remember what is told of Charles Kingsley, that, although he encouraged cricket on Sunday afternoon after service, among the lads of the village, he counselled his own sons not to use that liberty, because they had ample opportunities of such recreation during the week."

According to the Bishop of Chester, therefore, the 'leisured' classes are not to seek their own amusement on the Lord's day, but are to give opportunities to their less favored brethren to take innocent recreation and enjoyment.

If people used Sunday recreation with such moderation and consideration as the Bishop urges, there would be small cause of complaint. But it is not fair to quote his words without regard to their qualification.

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**The Children's Journey.**

The golden sands were bright and fair;  
Two children played alone,  
Watching the waves with their crested heads  
Break on the shore and moan.

The sunlight played upon their hair,  
And shone in their sweet blue eyes;  
It seemed to dance in their wavy curls,  
As it shot from the cloudless skies.

"Look at the horses with flowing manes!"  
Little Arthur cried with glee,  
"I'd love to drive in a pretty coach,  
With these horses of foaming sea.

And Alice said she'd love to go  
On a journey across the sea;  
With Arthur to drive the restive steeds,  
Never a fear, feared she.

So they jumped in a blue-green chariot bright  
And journeyed a long long way,  
A longer way than they'd meant to go,  
That beautiful summer day.

For they stood that night on the distant shore  
Of a Better Land than ours,  
A Land where the sun shines day and night,  
And they count not time by hours.

But only the waves came moaning back,  
To meet two mothers mild,  
Where each came down at the close of day,  
To search for her little child.

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