

are. Oh, what a mistake! *We fanatics! We sour, gloomy, morose, men?* Why, some of us, long ago, when beaten with rods, and with our feet made fast in the stocks, and in the inner dungeon of a prison, were so glad and happy that, at midnight, we were waking and singing for joy! *We gloomy!* Indeed we are not. The man knows not joy who never tasted our joy. My brother, knowest thou joy in God, peace in believing, the peace that passeth all understanding, the love of God in the soul, and God's face shining ever on thy head—knowest thou what all this is? Oh, the joy of a well spent Sabbath-day!

There be many that say, "who will shew us any good." I have heard them. I have seen the weary, weary, Sabbath-breakers coming home at eventide with sorrow in their soul, jaded in body, and miserable in heart. Their whole man spoke, saying, "who will shew us any good?" They had sought it, and found it not. The well, at which they tried to draw, was both deep and dry. We know where to find it. "Lord, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us. Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased." What should make us gloomy? We have no want. Our God supplies all our need. Our praise is simply the expression of our soul's joy. Nothing can harm us. God keeps us as the apple of His eye. We are possessed of the love of God. We are heirs of a kingdom that never passes away. Life has no fear for us. Death has no terror for us. The sting of death is taken away for us. The grave to us is not dark. The great white throne has no dread in it for us. We are in possession of that perfect love that casteth out fear. Come with us, we will do thee good. Come and see; taste for yourself. "For a day in thy court is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a Sun and Shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, *blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.*" *Church of Scotland Juvenile Record.*

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