

that they think if they attend strictly to all their duties on that day, they are free to lay it aside for their farm, or their merchandise, or their pleasures, or their gayeties. But nevertheless, do away with the *obligation* to keep the Lord's Day and you will soon find every land-mark of religion swept away and buried far down amidst the whirl and bustle of a busy money-making world. Aye, destroy the obligation to keep Sunday and you will find even the *brethren* themselves loudly calling out they "believe," they "believe," and yet working and toiling away, never even giving a day to God while they cry that to a Christian every day should be alike. Why do they speak against the keeping the Lord's day holy? Would they have us work and toil and slave on that day the same as on all the rest, or would they have us rest every day as we do on Sunday and do no work at all? One of these two things must be done, for if every day is alike it will be lawful for us to work every day, or else, if work be improper we must never work at all. But men *will* work, they *must* work; and it may be well enough for men who have nothing else to do but to go about from place to place telling people that the doctrine and principles of Christianity which have been held by the church universal for over 1800 years, *are all wrong*—it may do very well for such to say that to a Christian every day should be alike. Every day is alike to them, for they have abundant means to enable them to do no work from one week's end to the other; but for people who have to toil hard for daily bread and who have to earn their living by the "sweat of their face," it is not so easy to keep every day alike. How *are* they to keep every day alike? They must either work every day or rest every day, and whichever they do tends to misery. I mean no irreverence when I say that a man can not earn his living by keeping every day holy, i. e., as a holy day ought to be kept. Therefore, if men attempt that, they will starve and the commerce and business of the world will be stopped. And what then is the inevitable conclusion from this? Why since men *must* work and since the business and commerce of the world *must* go on, it follows that if there is no distinction of days (if every day is alike) there must be one ceaseless round of business and work and toil; and the result of that would be that we would soon have a haggard, worn out community and the period of man's life would be shortened. It is well known that in those countries where the Sabbath is not observed the people soon wear out, for when all days are alike, they work incessantly. No good result can come from this teaching. Instead of making every day holy, as they vainly hope, the one holy day that we have will be drawn down into the vortex of the world with its toils and pleasures, and strangled there.