

if possible make religion at home more attractive than religion elsewhere.

Lastly, we have something to say concerning the Sabbath. The command, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," is as obligatory now as when it first appeared on the table of stone. From our observation of the Sabbath, we conclude that no command has been more violated and disrespected: no church will ever prosper in open violation of any part of the decalogue. Dear Brethren, the obligation of Christians to keep holy the Sabbath day is, we rejoice to state, practically regarded by you: but is it not in your power to be more diligent in your observance of it? Most of you are engaged in secular duties during the week, so that much of the life and power of your spiritual affections must depend on the use you make of the sacred hours of the holy Sabbath. Brethren, it is not sufficient merely to attend the house of God once or twice for the purpose of hearing His word: you need hours for meditation and prayer; the intervals of public worship ought to be religiously improved: self-inspection, holy meditation, private wrestling with God, and careful reading of the scriptures ought to occupy the hours of God's holy day.

Are we not in danger of substituting a bustling outward religion in the place of deep devotional exercises and the work of the Holy Spirit in the heart? May we remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy!

In conclusion, we exhort you to regularity in the divine ordinances, whether held in the week evening or on the holy Sabbath: whether the stated prayer-meeting or more public preaching of the word of God: Brethren, if possible you

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