

denied a God-given right and are doomed to incessant toil, or to starvation as the only alternative. The great American Republic declares that slavery has been abolished, and that under her banner all men are free and equal. It is not true. Some years ago a deputation, representing the employees of the late Vanderbilt, waited on that great railroad king with a petition detailing the hardships they suffered in being deprived of a weekly rest, of the sacred privileges of the sanctuary, of the society of their families; complaining of overtaxed strength and, in many cases, of failing health through incessant labor, and asking for their natural right—The Sabbath. That petition might have melted a heart of stone, and yet that magnate, the possessor of millions, denied their prayer. Let not the nation boast that she spent three thousand million dollars and laid more than half a million of her sons on the altar of liberty to free the black man of the South, let her not thus boast while she permits the cruel heel of moneyed tyranny and sordid greed to crush out the lives of thousands of free-born subjects. Christian citizen, when you mark your ballot to enfranchise some powerful corporation to do business on the Sabbath, remember that you become responsible to God for the enslavement