

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY.

George IV. of England, when prince of Wales, appointed a grand military review to be held on the Sabbath day. The venerable Bishop Porteous, then Bishop of London, was confined to his habitation by that illness which issued in his death five days after, yet he hastened to the palace and sought an interview with the prince. Feeble and almost voiceless, he entered the royal apartment supported by attendants.

The scene was very affecting. With the tenderness of a father, and with the earnestness of one expecting to appear before the King of kings, he spoke of the evil and sin of desecrating God's holy day, and urged upon the prince the bad effects which the example of one in his exalted station would have upon his subjects. The prince, much affected, fell on his knees, while the venerable man of God implored the blessing of heaven on him, rejoicing that the last act of his failing strength could be exerted in attempting to stop the progress of Sabbath desecration.

THE HOME CIRCLE.

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No. 2.—WHAT CONSTITUTES HOME.

It is much easier defining the negative than the positive of what constitutes a *true home*. Vague ideas are often cherished regarding the principles upon which the domestic circle is established. Some conjecture that the household is only a necessarily natural association, composed of the nursery, the parlor, the exterior of domestic life, based upon some fleeting passion, some sensual motive or mercenary policy. Others look upon home as the mere dwelling place of their parents, and the theatre upon which they acted the part of merry childhood—simply a habitation, identical with the abode of the brute creation. However far these superficial ideas may appear to harmonize with human nature, they are far from satisfying the rational inquirer who has been led to believe that,—

“Home’s not merely four square walls,
Though with pictures hung and gilded;
Home is where affection calls—
Filled with shrines the heart hath builded.”

The *true* idea of home-institution may be obtained from the unerring and imperishable record of the Creator himself, from whom the Charter of home has been derived, and “of whom the whole (Christian) family in heaven and earth is named.” We are hereby taught by precept and example, that *Home* is a divine institution of the same age and birth with man, ordained in connection with the marriage relation, upon laws as sure and steadfast as the Eternal Throne, any deviation from which leads to discord and ruin. In this mirror we can *view* the Christian