

PART I

On the Sabbath Day

"At the commencement of this evening's proceedings it may be expected that I might say something in regard to the objects and aims of the Lord's Day Alliance and the scope of the lecture. To put it, perhaps on the lowest plane you will possibly permit one at my age and as one privileged to occupy the honorable position of President of the local branch of the Lord's Day Alliance to state in a few sentences and as concisely as I can, what in my opinion this Association stands for, before beginning the subject proper of the lecture.

THE CORNER STONE.

"Now the Alliance is an Association that stands for securing the integrity of the Day of Rest, the one day in seven—a Divine institution from the beginning of the World and continued throughout all the ages until this day, and which is, in my humble opinion, the chief support or prop of the physical, the social, the moral, and the religious character and strength of the British Empire. Indeed it may be justly said and contended that the Institution of the Day of Rest is the corner stone of civilization itself. While I am prepared to stand on this affirmation, I am aware the subject, in order to discuss it fully, is a very large one and simply bristles with points of captivating interest and beauty. And yet, these very points are not without superficial difficulties—difficulties which affect human life. Touch any one of them where you will and there will be an apparent hardship experienced somewhere or other which, however, will become evanescent in the clear light of knowledge, of reason, and of truth as surely as the snow disappears with "the balmy breath of spring" or from the heat of the strong noon-day sun. Therefore, to clear away some popular misapprehensions I beg to ask your attention for a few minutes, and for a few minutes only.

SAUCE OF LABOR.

"The Day of Rest!" Rest! What one of us—the strongest as well as the weakest—has not experienced what it is to be tired or wearied and to have felt