

If any one morning the sun were not to rise—or if spring followed not the Winter, what consternation would seize us!

We willingly pay a rent for a dwelling house—should we grudge the seventh part of our time for offering our tribute of gratitude for this world of beauty—providing us with a habitation and food and clothing—and can we forego the privilege of a service which ennobles us by a reactionary influence, to build up a character for Heaven?

Christ scrupulously observed the Sabbath day, not with Pharisaical formalism. He engaged in public and private devotion, and he rejected not the courtesies of social life. He went, we are told, into the house of one of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath day, when He availed Himself of the opportunity of doing good. Luke 14: 1.

We are not living in the atmosphere of Adam after the fall and before the Promise, one of conscious guilt, fear of condemnation, despondency and hopeless fears of propitiating Divine wrath. We are living in the atmosphere of Adam after the Promise, one of conscious deliverance from condemnation through a Covenant of Grace, high hopes, and the grateful assurance of the love of a reconciled God.

A man may increase knowledge, as a miser his wealth. Neither may derive any personal gratification beyond the pleasure of accumulating. Knowledge must attract and rouse the affections, before its owner can realize its treasures. He requires time for mental digestion. Sunday affords him an undisturbed opportunity. Studying the biography of Christ brings us in touch with Him. As Sir Oliver Mowat, in his "Christianity and some of its Evidences," remarks, "He taught that every doer of the Father's will was (touching assurance) Christ's own brother, and sister and mother." What greater object of possible conception, more worthy of our highest aspirations?

All honour to the pioneer Manitoba Government in protecting the sanctity of this Commandment, as regards the street cars.

Toronto has now the proud position of being the pioneer city of the Province of Ontario, in having given her voice for the same. May she maintain her good name, when the proper time arrives.

So far from being looked down upon as "behind the times," she will earn for herself the more enviable distinction of being an exemplary reformer of the times.