

LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE VINDICATED

Because *it is adapted to the abilities and needs of all men*, in every nation and latitude of the earth, and may easily be observed, bringing hardship to none, but good to all.

Wherefore, in the words of the inspired author of the Epistle to the Hebrews, "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is: but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 20: 24, 25).

It has been said, "Jesus gave us no command to observe the Lord's Day." But before His death He said to His disciples: "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He the Spirit of truth is come He will guide you into all truth. . . . He shall glorify Me, for He shall receive of Mine and show it unto you" (John 16: 12-14).

So *the disciples*, both individually and as a whole, *were led of the Divine Spirit*, according to the promise of Jesus, *into the observance of the Lord's Day* by which Christ has been glorified. And their unanimous adoption of the resurrection day as their Sabbath is an outstanding evidence of the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit in the apostolic Church. And that in the absence of an external and overshadowing command they kept the Lord's Day clearly witnesses to their spiritual insight and spirituality in general. No wonder the Master honored them with His pres-