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BISHOP HORSLEY ON THE SABBATH DAY.

An Extract from three Sermons of Bishop Horsley on the divine institution of the Sabbath Day, in which are set forth the duty of all men, from the beginning of the world, to observe it; and more particularly the increased obligations of Christians to keep the Lord's Day holy.

“The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.” *Mark ii. 27.*

AN opinion has been for some time gaining ground, that the observation of a Sabbath in the Christian Church is a matter of mere consent and custom, to which we are no more obliged by virtue of any Divine precept than to any other ceremony of the Mosaic Law.

I shall first, therefore, show you, that Christians actually stand obliged to the observation of a Sabbath—that is, to the separation of some certain day for the public worship of God. I shall, in the next place, inquire how far the Christian in the observation of his Sabbath, is held to the original injunction of keeping every seventh day, and which day of the seven is his proper Sabbath. When I have shewn you that the obligation to the observance of every seventh day actually rests upon him, and that the first day of the week is his proper Sabbath, I shall, in the last place, inquire in what manner this Christian Sabbath should be kept.

To the general question, what regard is due to the in-