

of amusements. Business affairs, to say nothing of religious obligations, had become secondary matters. Men and women, young and old, were vying with each other in finding new ways for gratifying their love of pleasure. It is hoped that the war, even at this distance, may have a sobering effect, and that our beloved Canada may come to herself.

3. A great deal of Sabbath desecration is caused by greed. We are sometimes at a loss to account for Jesus' attitude towards riches. He chose a life of poverty Himself. He declared it to be easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of heaven. In the parable of the Rich Fool He shows the tendency of increase of goods to absorb the owner's interest to the neglect of his soul. And in the case of the Young Ruler He makes his willingness to sell his possessions to provide for the poor, the test of his discipleship. Doubtless, the purpose of the Master was to discourage the tendency to make money at the cost of sacrificing God's commands. That sin threatens to characterize the twentieth century in this country, as it did the nineteenth in the United States. Already we have manufacturing plants operating seven days in the week. It is reported that a government official when remonstrated with for putting a Sunday train on the I. C. R. replied that there would be more Sunday trains before there would be less. This love of gain promotes the Sunday excursion and the Sunday theatre. It opens the livery stable doors, unties the pleasure boats and induces the merchant to break not only the law of God, but also the law of the land.

Some Results of Sabbath Degradation

The evil effects of Sabbath degradation are proportionate to the importance of the institution in God's plan for man's salvation. A broken cog will mar the working of the machine, the breaking of a wheel will put it out of commission altogether. The temple door may be off its hinges and no serious results follow, but, if a pillar crumbles, the structure comes to the ground. The Sabbath is one of the most important pillars in the temple