

According to some interesting stories told in the first three Gospels one of the reasons why the Jewish religious leaders opposed Jesus was that he treated as sacred what to them was secular. Paul wrote: "Whether, therefore, ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Since the days of Jesus and Paul again and again the church has failed to respond to opportunities of great reforms in society because through the influence of a wrong philosophy it has made a false distinction between sacred and secular. In seeking its own interests it often has failed to advance the interests of the kingdom of God. There is need of guarding against this danger to-day. A lawyer about to turn preacher wrote to Dr. Parkhurst that the sad scenes in the criminal courts had brought him to the point where he had about decided to cast aside his bright "future in law" and enter the service of the Lord." In whose service was he as a lawyer? His letter is akin to the infamous deliverance that politics has no place for the decalogue or the Sermon on the Mount. Both deliverances are illustrations of the common saying: "Business is business, politics is politics, and religion is religion." Lord Melbourne, so the story goes, angrily arose and left the public worship, saying, "Things have come to a pretty pass when religion is made to invade the sphere of a man's private life." Things have come to a pretty pass because the religion of love has not invaded the sphere of a man's private life.

It is gratifying to note the different signs that this great "heresy" is losing its hold. And that Christ's heresy of making holy the things of "the common day" is gaining ground.

Remembering that Rev. F. B. Meyer is world-famous as a writer of devotional literature the following incident is one of the most significant signs of the times. He and Dr. John Clifford were pleading publicly for educational and social reform. Dr. Clifford told that Dr. Meyer once asked him what he thought was the most noticeable change in London in the past forty years. The answer: "The conversion of Mr. Meyer, because he used to regard me very suspiciously as I preached a social gospel, but now he preaches it