



SABBATH FOR MAN, SAYS THE TEACHER

Puritan Sabbath Has Gone Along With Knee Breeches and Broadbrimmed Hat

DAY NOT MEANT TO BE YOKE

On Other Hand, Secular Observances of the Day of Rest Are Not to Be Countenanced

The International Sunday School Lesson For March 15 Is "The Lawful Use of the Sabbath."—Luke 13:10-17; 14:1-16.

(By William T. Ellis)

Gone, along with the broad-brimmed hats and knee breeches, is the Puritan Sabbath. Nobody need weep, because it never was a particularly Scriptural type of Lord's Day. Yet its passing has left one of the most perplexing problems in American church life to-day.

The character of the observance of the Christian Sunday, which is really a national institution, should be determined by purpose, and not by drift. Certainly the good folk who seem willing to let the day become wholly secular if it cannot be kept in the fashion of their grandfathers are adding nothing to the solution of the difficulty.

The best authority to consult in this crisis is not the "tired business man" but the far-seeing, ever-sane and divinely-authorized Teacher, Jesus Himself. A candid consideration of His practices and words reveals a clear path out of the perplexity which is confronting Christians in this twentieth century.

The picture beneath the whitewash that the great and essential Hebrew institution called the Sabbath had become overlaid with the accretions of years, man-made regulations and practices, was fearlessly recognized by Jesus. In the same way, many ancient masterpieces of art on church walls have become hidden beneath the whitewash and paint of custodians who knew not the real nature of what they were covering up.

The old Jewish doctors of the law had elaborated the ritual of Sabbath-keeping to the point of absurdity. A careful Jew could not catch a flea upon his person on the Sabbath, as this was a kind of hunting! The distance one might travel, and the particular tasks he might perform on this day, all were reduced to an exact tabulation. Rigid observance of the letter of the day led a thousand patriots, under the Maccabees, to suffer death unresistingly, rather than fight on the Sabbath.

Cutting athwart all this man-made ritualism was the radical declaration of Jesus that "the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." That meant liberty. It realized God's benign purpose in the day. By those great words the institution was once more set free to do its holy service for the highest welfare of man.

Not a yoke of oppression, but a character of liberty and helpfulness, was this best of days, the memorial of man's relation to God. No Sabbath is well kept which is observed in a spirit of hardship, restraint and joylessness. The Sabbath is a glad day, a rest day, a day for looking up and for lifting up, a day for developing the Godward aspect of human life.

The "Go-to-Church" Idea A really organized enthusiasm for a "Go-to-Church" Sunday has spread all over the land. Great cities and small villages have entered into the plan, showing a versatility and resourcefulness for propaganda that is notable. The advertising of the church has become a new movement in present-day religion.

All this is helping the world to perceive anew the profound considerations which underlie church attendance.

Here we find, in the story which is the basis of this lesson, Jesus in attendance upon the synagogue, the church of His day. That was His practice. He stood for the best evidence of organized religion in His time. He found grave fault with some of its shortcomings, but He stood by it. He never broke loose from the synagogue. From the vantage point of its services, He proclaimed a nobler type of worship.

Nobody can find warrant in the words or example of the Master for spending all of Sunday on the golf links or in automobiling or in putting about a warden. He was found arrayed with those who met for the worship of God on the Sabbath. That is the first testimony anybody can offer to the church; lack of it nullifies all other witness. Despite all he may say, the non-church-goer is understood as not being on the side of God and religion.

The Scandalized Ecclesiastics Our own day's deep social sense is firmly buttressed in the practice and teachings of Jesus. He put human welfare about ritual. Churchly etiquette meant less to Him than the well-being of living men and women. His conception of the Sabbath was of a day that is beautiful in ministry to man. Tradition counted for nothing as against helpfulness. Our own Sunday should be a day so helpful to all sides of man's nature that it will bind society together by a powerful spiritual tie.

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20 MORE CASES ON MARCH TRIAL LIST

Supplemental Roll of Defendants Announced For Week, Beginning Monday



This will run the number of criminal cases to nearly 150.

Twenty additional defendants are listed for trial at the March term of criminal court beginning Monday in the supplemental calendar announced this morning by District Attorney Michael E. Stroup. Most of the causes on the supplemental list are minor offenses, although there is a case against Harriet Stokes, charging her with furnishing liquor to minors. Albert Robinson is charged with aggravated assault and battery and with the acceptance of money from a woman in a disorderly house. Here is the remainder of the list: Benjamin Davis and Elwood Rau-zenbach, f. and b.; W. J. Gentsler, Bozo Lecan and Pero Bonjac, ag. a. and b.; Lottie Hamaker, lar.; William Todd and Sol Washington, lar. from

the person; Mike Tony, lar. by balles; Harvey Yingt and Saul Emanuel, receiving stolen goods; Kosta Gerlic, Charles Jackson and Edgar Rogers, a. and b.; Yana Stepic, mal. mischief; and Victor Simpson and John E. Williams, attacking a woman.

John D. Sanderson Almshouse Engineer.—John D. Sanderson, 87 North Seventeenth street, was to-day elected by the Directors of the Poor to succeed Ernest Mitchell, resigned, as engineer at the almshouse, at \$60 per month and house rent. Sanderson was suggested by Director Boyer.

Properties Under Sheriff's Hammer.—Two properties were sold yesterday afternoon by Sheriff H. C. Wells. A Swatara township property adjacent to the Thirteenth Ward was sold to Attorney E. M. Hershey for \$975 and a house and lot in Naudan street went to Attorney I. P. Bowman for \$1,300.

Discuss County Advertising.—The County Commissioners will suggest that the Sheriff, the prison and poor board enter into a mutual agreement as to adopting a plan for letting legal advertising by contract.

Almshouse Inmates to Work.—The plan of placing the able-bodied male inmates at the Almshouse to work at picking stones of working in the quarries on the poor farm was discussed to-day by the Poor Directors.

Realty Transfers.—Realty transfers yesterday included the following: Gettys & Gettys to Thomas B. Marshall, 222 Emerald street, \$1; Moses Mail to State, 709-11 State and 708 South street, \$5,300; Charles Barnhart to Charles E. Saul, 1816 Boas, \$10; Commonwealth Trust Company to William A. Bowman, 1205 Mulberry, \$2,550; Florence M. Owens to

George B. Cullen, 1828 Green, \$2,950; Investment Realty Company to Huldah Appel, 104 Boas street, \$5,600; Hannah M. Bressler to C. W. Higley, 235 Kittatinny street, \$1; J. Hager to Lydia C. Cooper, Ehhaut, \$1; Samuel Couffer to John Schmidt, Steelton, \$1,090; C. M. Sigler to Hannah M. Bressler, Paxtang, \$1; H. V. Roop to William J. Beaver, Highspire, \$200.

Dr. Shimmell's Will Probated.—The will of Dr. Lewis S. Shimmell was probated to-day and his daughter, Miss Mary Shimmell, was appointed executrix. All the property, personal and real, was left to Mrs. Shimmell. At the School Board offices to-day it was

said that Dr. Shimmell was worth between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

FIRE DRILL SAVES 1,000 Special to The Telegraph Baltimore, Md., March 13.—One thousand pupils, kept in control by their teachers at the alarm of fire, yesterday, marched in good order from the public school building at Eden and Preston streets. The building, an old-fashioned brick structure, was destroyed.

ALASKA RAILROAD BILL SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT Special to The Telegraph Washington, D. C., March 13.—The Alaska railroad bill, authorizing the

expenditure of \$35,000,000 by the Government for the construction of railroads in that territory, was signed yesterday by the President. Two pens were used by the President.

TRAVELS FAR TO DIE Denver, Col., March 13.—That he might die in the county hospital, where he formerly was interne and house physician for years, Dr. John Loftus came to Denver from Scranton, Pa., his home, and the end came yesterday. At one time Dr. Loftus was a leading physician in Denver.

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BRIDES FEAR HOODOO? NAW! Friday, the Thirteenth, had no superstitious terrors for at least four brides-to-be. One of them was a fifteen-year-old bride at that. She is Anna Holmer and she expects to wed Charles Minnich, aged 18. Both are of this city.

MRS. VAN AERNAM DIES Mrs. Luella Gamble Van Aernam, widow of C. Willard Van Aernam, died yesterday at her home, 607 Peffer street at the age of 32 years. The funeral services will be held from the home at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Burial will be made privately at the Harrisburg Cemetery.

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