

**ARE CHRISTIANS RESPONSIBLE FOR SABBATH DESECRATION?**

(By Mrs. Ernest F. Young.)

As Christians we accept the Bible as God's Word, and the law given on Sinai, as still binding, both on Nations and individuals and we read therein such words as these: "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou nor thy son nor thy daughter, thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: Wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." We also read the words of the prophet Isaiah: "The nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish." Yet, on every side we hear on the Sabbath day, the whistles of trains, the cry of the news-boy, see the crowded street corners, Post Offices and depots, and we ask how shall this evil be stayed? The object of law is to protect our rights, and this the common law does, by requiring that only works of necessity and mercy shall be done on the Sabbath. We all know how this provision has been stretched to cover whatever the selfishness of man desired. The public conscience, (by which I mean the majority of individual consciences) has become demoralized. Public and private business, and recreation, are more and more allowed to encroach upon the Lord's Day, and if this continues, to increase, the law will become a dead letter, the Sabbath a national holiday, and then a work day, and evils innumerable will follow in its train. We must go down deeper than civil laws to give us a real Sunday. Civil laws are good, just as the feathers and skin of a canary are good, but to really get the music you must have the live bird in the skin, and to really find in Sunday what the Lord designed for us, we must have a live sense of its value. Our better customs for the observance of the Sabbath await our deeper convictions of the worth of that day. One of the most discouraging features which hinder Sabbath reform, is the too common indifference of Christian people, and the acquiescence in the present state of things. Few Christians openly approve Sabbath desecration, but many say the Sunday paper has come to stay, the railroad traffic will go on, the Sunday mails must be carried, "The people are set on mischief," and we might as well take the Sunday train to attend our secular business, since the train is running, whether we go or not, and we might as well read the Sunday paper when it is printed. "What is the use of Christian people incurring the odium of the world by struggling against the inevitable. Let us rather adapt ourselves to the circumstances, and do as well as we can." Does anyone think Sunday newspaper is emptying the churches? Complaint comes from city and country alike: "People do not attend church as they used to do." In looking around for the reason, the Sunday newspaper is given great prominence among the many reasons assigned. There is no doubt it is a large factor in keeping people from church, (especially the gentlemen of the congregation.) Let a man seat himself in dressing gown and slippers, with a sixteen-page paper before him, and he is very liable to become so absorbed that he does not notice the flight of time, and when the church bell rings, thinks it is too late to get ready, or he is in the midst of an interesting article, and he does not wish to lay it aside. Then, too, the man who has spent his morning in reading the newspaper is not in just the mood for church. His mind is filled with secular things. If he has been reading the stock reports, or of bargains in real estate, or in his particular business, or of the political situation, his mind is filled with those things, and he wishes to sit quietly and think them out. But should not his conscience warn him of the wrong of absenting himself from the house of God? Just here comes in one of the greatest evils of the Sunday newspaper. A Christian who reads it, blunts his conscience. He may feel uncomfortable at first, but if he continues to disregard the warnings of his conscience, it will cease to trouble him, and he will soon be able to convince himself that when church attendance becomes a bore to any Christian, he has a right to refuse to be bored. Of course it is not his fault that he has lost his interest in church services. He used to look forward with pleasant anticipations from one Sabbath to the next, and no more thought of absenting himself from his church, than from his seat at the breakfast table.

But they had better preaching than—the prayers were more spiritual. They helped him more. God seemed nearer, and Heaven more real. The singing was so different—he enjoyed hearing those grand old hymns in those days.

Truly the church is all out of joint! When he comes to the conclusion that the fault is all with the church, that he no longer enjoys the services, he is ready to defend himself in staying at home. What better can be got at church than he

finds in the Sunday Magazine, which helps to fill up that huge paper? O, that we might hear from every Christian the declaration: "As for me and my house we will have no more of the Sunday newspaper." In other ways also are we Christian people responsible for Sabbath desecration. It was only so recently as the Civil War that railroads first regularly plied their trade, but when the war was over, the tide of travel and rush of freight and express, still increased, and now Christian merchants and business men insist that competition requires their use of Sunday trains, though there are, thousands lose their Sabbath rest. Bennett Young, president of one of the largest railroads in the country, wrote a letter to one of the Chicago papers, in which he said: "The laws of God and the laws of man are conclusive on this point, forbidding labor on the Sabbath day and every railway manager operating a road on that day, violates human and Divine command, and by forcing his employees to do the same, sets before them a continual example and the highest obligations. When you consider how these men, from fear of losing their places, are compelled to do this labor (much of which is totally unnecessary) it becomes a monstrous wrong against the religion and family rights of these employees." The time was when Christian people looked with horror upon Sabbath travel, but now if the hours of public morning worship are not encroached upon, many of them merely to save the time of week days) will travel either morning or evening, as though the command read: "Read a few hours of the Sabbath day to keep it holy." In other ways, too, I think we as Christian people are responsible for Sabbath desecration. The greed for money, even tempts some business men (against their own consciences) to open their places of business, (frequently on the sly) on the Sabbath. The carelessness and apathy of intelligent, and Christian people! It was while the husbandman slept, that the enemy sowed tares. We have loosed from our moorings, and are drifting—d-r-i-f-t-i-n-g—Whether we are drifting? Plainly into a steady increase of secular pursuits on Sunday, till we shall have neither a civil nor religious Sabbath.

It has reached the point that Sunday afternoon in our town is more like a picnic occasion than the Holy Sabbath. It is time for us who are trying to do His will to wake up! Nothing can save our Sabbath, but the united efforts of Christians. Closing our eyes, and discrediting our ears, but increases the peril. Every man and woman who professes to be a Christian, must take an ear and stem the current. To you, individually I appeal. Are you a patriot? You surely desire to preserve the Christian Sabbath. Are you a Christian? The orders are: "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." Will you stand by the Sabbath, the whole Sabbath? God never compromises with sin, nor should we.

Compromise with principle is treason. Sir Walter Scott says: "The world one half of Sunday, and you will find that Religion has a strong hold on the other half." Let us each resolve that we will "keep the Sabbath Day holy." By so doing, we shall with firm and steady stroke turn back, and save our Good Ship of State from the breakers, and bequeath to our children the best of all legacies, a redeemed and Christian country.

"Blessed is the man that keepeth the Sabbath."

**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED**

Bulic's Creek, May 16.—One of the prettiest social events of the season and one of interest to the many friends of the young lady, throughout the State, was an announcement party given by Prof. and Mrs. B. F. Marshbanks at their attractive home Tuesday evening, May the 9th. The guests were graciously received on the porch by Mrs. Marshbanks where improvised seats were arranged for the occasion. Mr. Marshbanks immediately started the merry making by distributing "missing link" quotations to be supplied by appropriate words. Following this, they were ushered into the library, where a musical contest of the most unique form was engaged in, followed by delightful refreshments served in two courses. The house was beautifully decorated with cut flowers, crimson clover predominating, banked in every conceivable place, giving an air of beauty to the home. The hostess appeared with an armful of clover, inviting all the girls to the lighted lawn, while she stood on the steps and told in her charming manner the sweet myth of the clover, telling them this was the "real clover" of the beautiful romance, and held in the depths of its heart a secret soon to be revealed. Holding aloft the bouquet she told the group of lovely girls to "look out" the clover was coming, the one who caught and found the secret would be happy and successful in her leap year wooing. Miss Janet Gilmer being favored by cupid, caught the clover, drawing a card held by cupid she read these words:

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E. F. Young, Atty.

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A lot of land in the town of Dunn said county and state, fronting westwardly on Wilson street and fronting southwardly on Harnett street beginning at the intersection of the eastern margin of Wilson street with the northern margin of Harnett street, and running thence eastwardly with the northern margin of Harnett street 140 feet to the alley; thence northwardly with the alley and parallel with Wilson street 75 feet; thence westwardly parallel with Harnett street 140 feet to the eastern margin of Wilson street; thence southwardly with the eastern margin of Wilson street 75 feet to the beginning, being a lot 75 feet by 140 feet.

This sale is made for the purpose of partitioning the lands above described among the tenants in common, and the sale will be made subject to confirmation of the court. The successful bidder will be required to deposit ten per cent of his bid with the commissioners pending the confirmation.

This 19th day of April, 1916.  
J. C. CLIFFORD,  
G. L. CANNADAY,  
Commissioners.  
N. A. Townsend, Atty.

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