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entirely Adventists no "rights" have the Jews no "rights" These people and others are religiously observing the Sabbath of the fourth commandment. They do not ask the civil power to enforce their views; they are ready and willing and anxious to meet all who oppose their views, with no other than the weapons of truth. But the Sunday Sabbatarians, professing to graft the first day into the fourth commandment, taking hence all the substance which was originally imparted to the Seventh-day Sabbath, these propose to enforce their views by the arm of the civil law. Now, in all candor and fairness, I ask, is not this fact conclusive evidence that the Sunday Sabbath has not "a basis broad enough and strong enough to support its weight" either in the Old Testament or the New? It is the lack of "an unambiguous divine command" which necessitates this appeal to the civil power. When the leaders among the Sunday Sabbatarians will claim the right to punish all idolatry and profanity by means of civil law, as they now claim the right to punish the non-observance of their Sunday Sabbath; when their politico-religious creed covers the whole of the First Table of the Decalogue; then, and not till then, may they lay claim to consistency, and their views be entitled to some respect in community. The inconsistency of their present claim is apparent to everybody.

The author of the article under notice is a Baptist. Baptists have suffered not a little from the intolerance of dominant religious sects. Baptists are known in history as the champions of civil and religious liberty; as the advocates of liberty of conscience; as claiming a Thus saith the Lord, for their faith and practice, and as clearly opposed to the enforcement of religious tenets by the arm of the civil power. How strange, then, to hear this Baptist divine demanding that he be called "most necessary legal measures to guard the rights" of the Sunday Sabbatarians. He does not appeal to Christians as Christians, but to "all Christian citizens," to oppose and counteract, by every legitimate means, "others, their fellow-citizens, who, in this view, have no rights" which the Sunday Sabbatarians are bound to respect. This is indeed an anomalous position for Christians claiming to be Protestants, Reformers, and especially for Baptists. A new era is evidently dawning. Professedly Protestant Christians, in this country, in this boasted land of liberty, this asylum for the oppressed of all lands, are now reaching forth to take up the weapons which for more than three hundred years Protestantism has been compelling Roman Catholicism to lay down. And why is this? There is but one answer, and all the world knows it; it is this: The Sunday Sabbath is a relic of Popery, and hence it must be defended, if at all, by Popish weapons; and today, the Popish claims the Sunday Sabbath as its child, and that Protestants, on business theory, have no right to it, no business which it whatever.

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THOMAS STEVENS. Thaddeus Stevens died at his residence in Capitol Hill, Washington, Wednesday morning, Aug. 13th. Few men in this country have lately occupied to large a share of the public attention, or have been so closely identified with the great measures that working through good and through evil, have changed the government from its subservency to the power of slavery into a free republic, based on the enduring principles of equal rights. Mr. Stevens was born in Caledonia county, Vermont, on the 4th of April, 1793. He graduated at Dartmouth College in 1814, and immediately removed to Pennsylvania, where he taught in a academy while pursuing the study of the law. After several years residence in the law, he was admitted to the bar, and in 1822 elected to Congress, and again in 1833. He was re-elected in 1835, and was re-elected in 1837, 1839, 1841, and 1843. 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