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MOSAIC SABBATHS.

There ought to be no misunderstanding about such a simple matter as the legal observance of Sunday.

The Tammany Hall Committee of the 14th Assembly District have solemnly resolved that they are not willing to have the Christian Sabbath perverted into a Mosiac Sabbath to please the Pharisees of our day.

The enforcement of the law by the police is denounced as "undemocratic, unnecessary, unjust, unwise, and tyrannical."

There is no pretense of over-riding compelling anybody to keep the Sabbath on Sunday.

Everywhere Sunday is observed in much the same way. Courts and schools are closed, and no religious services are held.

Notes falling due on Sunday are paid on Saturday.

These are matters, however, we readily admit, for the Legislature to settle.

What the Tammany Committee say is that it is "undemocratic, unwise, unnecessary, and tyrannical" to compel citizens to obey the law.

For our own part, we have never for a moment thought it necessary, at this state of the affair, to inquire whether there is a good one or a bad one.

We are of the opinion that it is capable of amendment.

There may be arguments in favor of its repeal. But while it remains upon the statute book, it should be respected by everybody.

It may be respected by everybody by Tammany Committees, by Aldermen, by the Police, by the Excise Commissioners, by the proprietors of Gilmore's Garden and of all other gardens, as well as by the keepers of drinking places, certainly as long as it is in force.

It is not to be denied that it is difficult to get rid of a bad law in a regular way, and it is better to remain in it than to nullify it in an irregular way.

We do not think these statements of the Tribune fairly cover the ground occupied by our Sunday laws.

There is too much special pleading here, a covering up of the bottom principles involved in them.

These laws have their foundation in the false idea that by divine appointment this day is made sacred, and is therefore a religious institution.

But to legislate in its interest as a religious ordinance is to violate a first principle of our government, and hence to secure this legislation it becomes necessary to give it other character than its true one.

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THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

The Seventh-day Baptist Central Association convened for its Forty-first Anniversary at the West Edmond church, West Edmond, N. Y., June 8th, 1876, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Association called to order by Joshua Clarke, Moderator of last session. The congregation sang, "Come thou fount of every blessing."

After appropriate remarks by the Moderator, prayer was offered by J. M. Todd.

On motion, the Chair appointed the Nominating Committee as follows: A. B. Spaulding, B. G. Stillman, Chas. Potter, Sr.

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THE EXPENSES OF OUR DELEGATES.

The expenses of our delegates were \$35 67, which has been paid. Very respectfully, A. B. Spaulding, Delegate.

The report of the delegate to the South-Eastern and Eastern Associations was read and adopted, as follows: Agreeable to your appointment, it was my privilege to represent the South-Eastern and Eastern Associations.

The South-Eastern convened with him, June 25th, 1876. The churches of the Association were very generally represented.

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The report of the Committee on Finance was presented, as follows, and remarks were made by J. B. Clarke, J. B. Davis, and C. M. Lewis: Your Committee on Finance respectfully report: That they have examined the books of the Association, and find them correct.

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