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that their duty to God was superior to human enactments, and that man could exercise no authority over their consciences. It is an inborn principle which nothing can eradicate...

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would be opportune to amend it before the celebration of the Nation's Centennial. While many members of both Houses espoused that view of the matter, especially in the Senate, nobly contending for the right, a majority opposed any action...

4. It fosters unbelief in sacred things. If an intelligent person is reformed for disregard of the first day as the Sabbath, he may demand Scripture authority for sanctifying that day as holy time, and as no man can refer to a single scripture to sustain such claim for it, and the Sunday law and the general practice can only be urged in support of such claim, it is fair to infer that if a false claim is set up for Sunday, the church may set up false claims for other doctrines and usages...

5. Its tendency is to sink the tone of piety. To be conscious that one is disregarding the day of God, on which he rested, and making a substitute of a day which Jehovah never sanctified as a day of rest, or commanded to be kept as holy time, will deprive the worshiper of much of the pious inspiration attendant on true Sabbath-keeping, both directly and indirectly.

6. The law is cruel. It punishes persons for no other offense than following their honest convictions, laboring on their own premises as the command of God enjoins, by imposing on them exorbitant fines, and such fines with costs are not paid immediately, the prisoner must be sent to jail 10 days for each (alleged) offense...

formed. It is probable that a majority of the American people would endorse their views respecting God and Christ, in a word, the doctrine of the Trinity, as a fundamental truth in religion; but to induce them to vote to incorporate that doctrine in the Constitution of the country might not be an easy matter. They might think it sufficient to subscribe to a confession of faith containing the sentiment, without attempting to commit the nation to that, or any other doctrine, distinctively, to the prejudice of others who might not believe it.

7. Another class of well-informed persons, who have looked at the claims of the first day to be the Sabbath, and are satisfied that there has been no change of the day of the Sabbath by competent authority, conform to the popular custom, really, something as the intelligent people of Naples and Italy generally, are Catholics outwardly, but in heart despise that system as an imposture. The agitation of the subject, in view of testing public sentiment, will range them in opposition to the establishment of a day as the Sabbath which can justly claim to be a human institution merely.

8. Strong opposition would be made to incorporating the first day in the Constitution of the country as the Sabbath by the numerous class who now keep no day, fearing they might have less liberty to indulge their inclinations in pursuit of pleasure in various diversions and amusements. They would deem it a hardship to be required to keep any day holy. Many of these would argue in favor of the Sabbath of the fourth command, not because they intended to observe it, but because they have no disposition to observe any day, and therefore upon their restraint proposed on their doing their own pleasure on the first day.

9. Strong opposition would be met from the various denominations of religionists who regard the Sabbath as a divine institution, and find no ground for a change of day, and no record of such change in the Scriptures. The reason assigned for its observance remains unchanged, and will continue so while heaven and earth endure—till the advent of heaven, of which the Sabbath is a type, shall be enjoyed by all the truly pious. The type, by common consent, remains in authority against its prototype, as is as yet the case with the Sabbath of the fourth command, as for Mohammedans to present the 'false miracles of their pretended prophet, and if argument fails, bring the sword to induce the required faith in that fallacious and abominable system. To procure the constitutional recognition of the first day as the holy time, and establish, by the constitutional law, the Sabbath of the fourth command, would be to repeal and clearly assert

loved by dire consequences. To change our free Constitution, for a sectarian document, though claiming to be Christian, would satisfy all except the favored sect; and might be followed by scenes as revolting as those predicted by the French poet, relating to the devastating strife in that country...

10. It may be regarded as fortunate for the country and favorable to the best interests of society that this issue is precipitated on the nation at this time. The Centennial has awakened interesting memories. People fancy they are free. An organization of high respectability has arisen and introduced itself under the imposing claim of a reformatory combination. They have published their plans and methods of operations, and told the world what they intend to do. They possess eminent and lofty talents, and occupy influential and exalted positions. Their officers, numbering one hundred and seventy, are distributed through several or quite all the States, Territories, and Districts of the United States, and embrace Doctors of Divinity, numbering ninety-nine, of Law, nine, Ministers of the Gospel, twenty, and many of high professional standing.

11. What an illustration of Christian civilization! If such a state of things can exist in the State with head, what may be expected of her when free to do as she will. It is safe to predict that Pennsylvania has imprisoned her last man who conscientiously keeps the Sabbath and works the first day, for that alleged offense. The next arrest (if there is another) the case will go up to the Supreme Court of the United States, and the constitutionality of the State law will be settled. The expense of such a lawsuit will not be a trifle of the amount wrung indirectly from these people each year. A gentleman, friend of religious equality, and officer in one of the banks in Harrisburg, last winter, had the curiosity to know the amount indirectly wrung from these people in the last eighty-two years, reckoning one dollar a year for one-fifth of their number (a very moderate estimate) each week while the State law has prohibited labor on a day they feel bound in duty to work, with compound interest, and he found the aggregate amount to exceed two hundred million dollars. To this law, the State Legislature (perhaps representing the Association's views fully) has clung with strange tenacity for many years; but though legislators should continue recalcitrant to duty; though courts disgrace their ermine, though ministers of the sanctuary array themselves on the side of oppression, though the judgment of the wise should be subverted; the great Author of the Sabbath laws, and in his own good time will arise and 'pled his own cause,' and send headlong all wicked demands, headlong, lawmakers, who allow unconstitutional laws to remain on the statute book, under their oath to support the Constitution of the country, and that of the State; judges, who forget the rights of the high places they fill, and are heedless of the level of petrifaction; and those who sacrifice truth to party and a sectarian interest, 'having man's persons in admiration because of advantages,' would be more than ample occupants of an asylum than of the halls of legislation, the forum, the bench, or the divinity chairs.

Will reformers of the American nation stand up and say it is a step in reformation to secure constitutional recognition of the first day as the nation's Sabbath, when the command of Jehovah, which they admit to be imperative on all men, makes it the duty of all to use it as a working and business day? Will they say it is the 'holy Sabbath,' when God says to each of his people? Will they, in the presence of senates, in the high places of the earth, in the sanctuary of the Lord, call the Sabbath day... Will they, in the presence of senates, in the high places of the earth, in the sanctuary of the Lord, call the Sabbath day...

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For Sabbath Day, January 6. 1 Kings 12: 12-20.

12. So Jeroboam and all the people came to Bethel... 13. And the king answered the people roughly...

TOPIC.—The kingdom lost through unwise counsels.

TOPICAL READINGS. I. Kingdom in prospect, 1 Kings 12: 1-11.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"But he forsok the counsel of the old men, which they had given him."—1 Kings 12: 15.

THE ASSEMBLY. I. The assembly of wisdom disregarded, v. 12.

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